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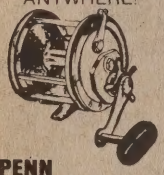

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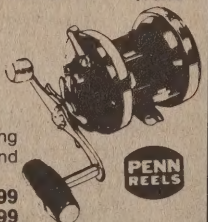

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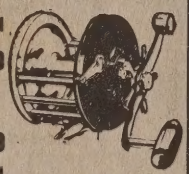

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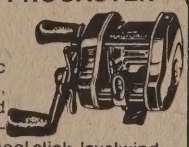

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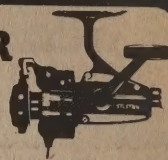

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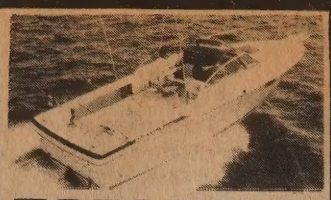

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Boaters wishing to participate will congregate between Hart and City Islands at noon. A "picket boat" will communicate on marine radio to direct the boats past the reviewing stand where representatives from various faiths (priest, rabbi, minister, etc.) will bestow blessings on you and your craft.

Spectators on land can see this spectacular and colorful event from the reviewing stand at the Fordham Street Ferry slip on City Island. But come early.

Call Joe Burck during the day at (212) 885-1559 for additional information. Boating organizations wishing to participate as a group of boats are urged to call beforehand.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN'S 14TH ANNUAL SHARK TAG TOURNAMENT

Again this year, Montauk Marine Basin is sponsoring its 14th Annual Shark Tag Tournament to be held July 21st and 22nd.

Unlike other tournaments Montauk Marine Basin advocates "Tag—Not Bag" and is giving a special award this year for the most tagged and released sharks.

Tagging sharks is a very important part of marine biology studies. The National Marine Fisheries Service is supplied by data primarily from three sources: fishing tournaments, research cruises and contact research. They rely on the 2500 volunteer recreational fishermen, commercial fishermen and fishing biologist to tag and release large ocean game fish, principally sharks and to return tags from recaptured individuals. Tagging occurs along the United States East Coast and Gulf Coasts and the Coast of Europe and Africa. Dr. Jack Casey of the National Marine Fisheries attends our tournaments to collect biological samples and data in five major categories: migration patterns, food habits, reproduction, age and growth. A blue shark tagged off the Coast of Montauk was recaptured nine months later 3630 miles away off the coast of Liberia. Another blue shark tagged in New York and caught off the Cape Verde Islands traveled 3150 miles in 483 days. Blue sharks tagged off the New York Coast were recaptured off the West Indies and Grand Banks. A tiger shark tagged off New York was recaptured off Central America. The continuance of a healthy marine balance depends upon many aspects of our marine studies, which does not include massive kill tournaments. To tag a shark a small dart-like metal tag is inserted into a long pole and is tried to be placed behind the dorsal fin. It is inserted with a sharp thrust as the skin of the shark is very rough and thick, which is about as annoying as a bee sting to a human.

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For more information, please call Montauk Marine Basin, 668-5900.

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The Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club is pleased to announce the winners of their annual Weakfish Tournament which was held on May 19th and 20th at Corrigan's Yacht Yard in Hampton Bays.:

Doug Stark on the boat JD, 10 lbs.

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MCA NOW 95 CAPTAINS STRONG

The MCA, an association of U.S. Coast Guard licensed charter boat operators, was formed six years ago by a handful of captains. Joining together to promote safety, sportsmanship and goodwill to the Montauk area, the Association now boasts 95 strong.

Aside from such endeavors as the boat show in New York and the sportsman's show in Nassau, the organization pioneered the very successful Charity Shark Tournament. Over the past four years more than $24,000 has been donated to such charities as the Cancer Society, the Heart Fund, the Boy Scouts, the Little League, Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and two scholarships have been set up for students graduating from the area's high schools. The contest also benefits the marine scientists from NOOA in Narragansett, giving them a firsthand chance to collect data on the fish landed and by the on-going tagging program endorsed by the MCA.

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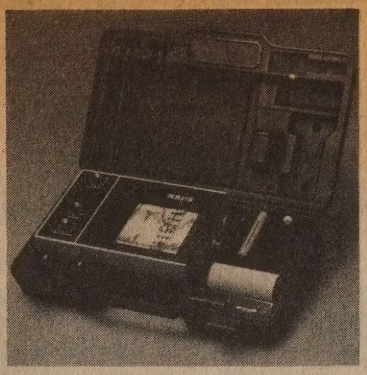

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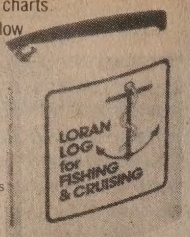

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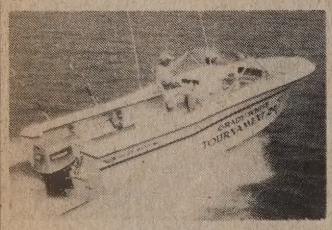

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1983 FISHING DERBY WINNERS

Striped Bass—Surf: Odd Nygard, 51.9; Gary Hall, 42.8; and George Kalivas, 37.3.

Bluefish—Surf: Bob Caufield, 23.0; Bob Lucchesi, 22.4; and Andrew Kmetz, 20.12.

Weakfish—Surf: Lenny Wagner, 15.1; Gary Hall, 13.0; and Michael Rooney, 9.15.

Striped Bass—Boat: Fred Roese, 54.8.

Bluefish—Boat: Daniel Marchand, 19.0.

Weakfish—Boat: Richie Schroeder, 8.6; and Charlie Hollins, 8.4.

JUNIOR DIVISION:

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Bluefish—Surf: Irene Gordon, 19.0; Lisa Habl, 18.0; and Ginger Stewart, 14.8.

OUT-OF-STATE:

Striped Bass: Tom Forbes, 41.0.

CAPTAIN NAPPI'S 2ND ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNAMENT

This year, Penn Reels, Fenwick Rods and Mustad fishhooks will combine with Berkley Trilene fishing line to give $1,000 to anyone and everyone breaking a line class or all tackle world record with their line.

Also the people at Weber have added their Mr. Champ lure to the prize list, as well as $250 worth of fishing gear to anyone landing the largest fish entered in the contest on this lure. The contest runs from June 1st through December 31st and there will be men's and ladies' divisions in both surf and boat.

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All the good equipment in the world won't make any difference if your hooks, baits, swivels or leaders aren't securely attached to your line with a well-tied knot.

Good knot tying is important because all knots weaken line and poorly tied knots reduce its strength drastically. When a knot is tied poorly or a good knot is allowed to slip, the line's breakload strenth is reduced immediately, because one part of the monofilament nylon line actually cuts through another.

For example, a simply overhand knot (which is great for your shoelaces, but terrible for fishing) can reduce a line's breakload strength by as much as 50 percent—cutting your line's power in half! If your line is curled at the end after a breakoff, there's a good chance you're a victim of bad knot tying practices.

It's "knot" too difficult to tie good knots if you're armed with some clear diagrams and instructions, plenty of premium monofilament nylon line and time to practice. You'll find that there are different knots for different tackle and different fishing situations, but good knot tying practices are essentially the same no matter what knot you're tying.

Here are some general tips on good knot tying recommended in a 35-page booklet entitled, "Knots," published by the DuPont Company, makers of "Stren," the country's top-selling premium nylon monofilament fishing line:

- When making the spirals, loops, twist and other first steps involved in knot making, try to keep them in a uniform size. This will help the knot

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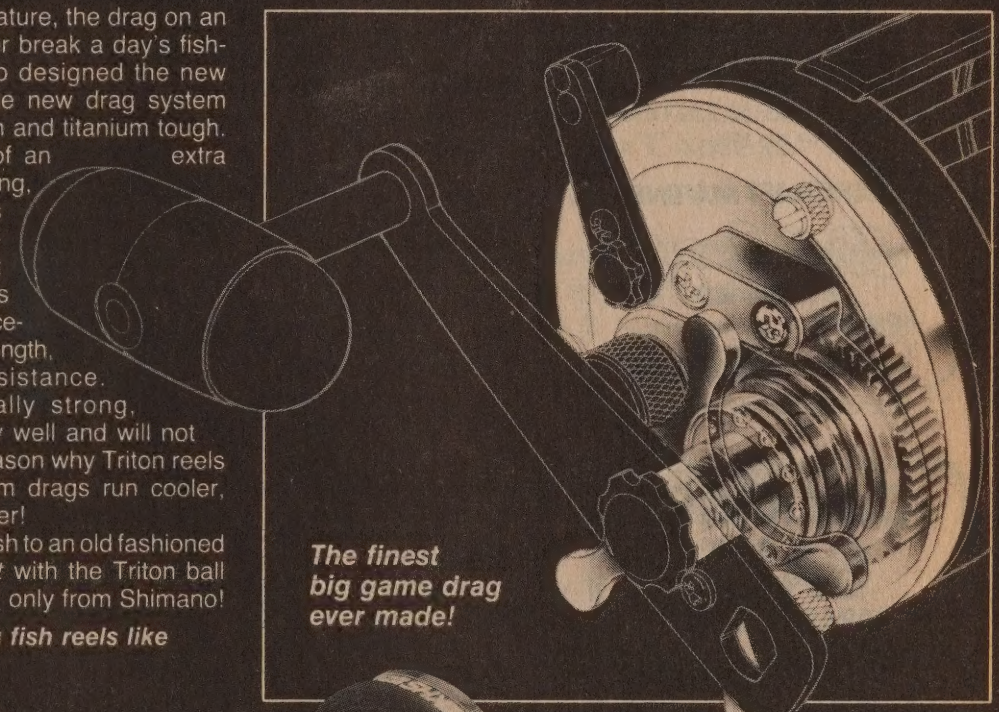

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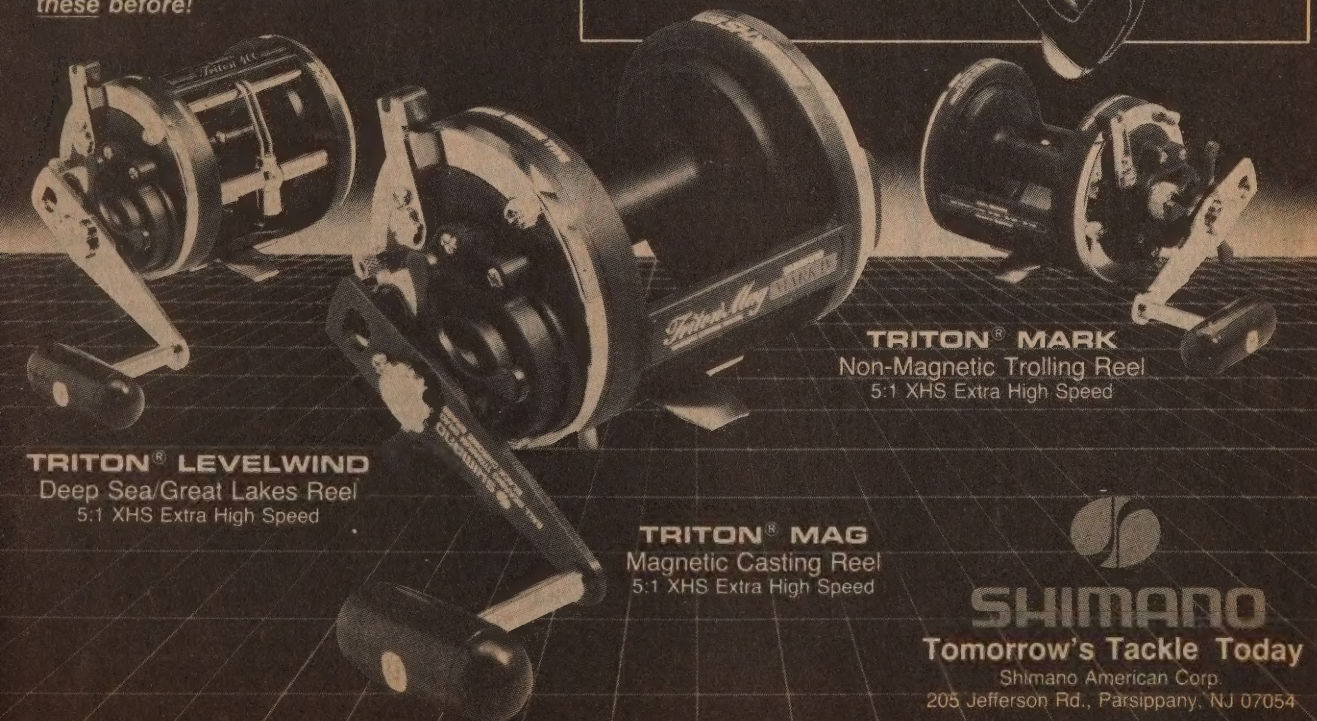

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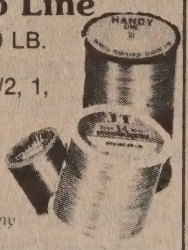

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SEND-A-KID FISHING THIS SUMMER

by Fred Golofaro

As a youngster growing up on Long Island, I had plenty to be grateful for. Summers were filled with days spent catching snappers, blowfish, eels and crabs from Grandma's dock in Bayport. Then there were trips to Captree with dad where many a fine catch of fluke was racked up and in later years, regular junkets aboard the family boat provided plenty of memorable innings with everything from kingfish to stripers.

Uncle Rudy always provided a few thrilling trips aboard Montauk charter boats each summer and it will be a long time before I forget the thrills of seeing my first leaping white marlin or the screeching sound of six reels being stripped by husky bluefin tuna. Uncle Rudy also hosted my introduction to the Montauk surf and was as generous as any uncle could be in sharing his hard-earned vacation time with an over-zealous nephew. My love for the surf was further fueled by regular trips to Robert Moses where my father would drop me off on his way in to work at 6AM and retrieve me on return trip twelve or so hours later.

Mom was forever justifying our absence from school each April 1st so that we could herald in the opening of trout season in appropriate fashion. While bicycles provided most of our transportation to and from local haunts, Mom never hesitated to chauffeur us off to places out of biking range or to bail us out those occasional times when buckets overflowed with flounder.

And there were those many trips with people like Eric Ramsay, Roy Nuenes, Carl Dahl, Vic Young, and Bob Haas and Skeet Smith. All took the time to teach, and share with an eager youngster, their knowledge and love of fishing.

So you see, I was one of the lucky ones. Graced with parents who encouraged the natural interest that all children seem to possess for fishing, and friends and relatives who so generously shared the sport, I developed a deep-rooted love for the game. Now, as an adult, fishing has developed even more significance by providing a reprieve from deadlines and the pressures created by everyday life. Along with this love for fishing came greater respect and appreciation for nature and all its creatures. A valuable lesson that many youngsters (and adults) could stand to benefit from.

I'm sure plenty of other guys and girls took their youthful introduction to fishing for granted. It's an easy thing to do if you're taken under the wing of the right person or if you've been raised near or on the water. Unfortunately, there are plenty of kids out there, who for one reason or another, don't get the opportunity to spend a summer day out fishing. Some have gotten a taste somewhere down the line and yearn for more, others simply don't know what they are missing and for them, that one day afloat could be the highlight of their entire summer.

Well, to make that trip a reality, we at The Fisherman have instituted the Send-A-Kid Fishing Program with the hope that many of our readers, advertisers, fishing clubs and related organizations would be willing to share in this effort. The response up to now has been gratifying but there are still plenty of you out there who we haven't heard from and even more youngsters out there longing for a day of fishing fun.

While most kids are being recruited from organizations such as Big Brothers and PAL, we would like to book a couple of trips for unaffiliated youngsters who are in just much, if not more, need of a day on the water. Let's hear from some of those kids or if you know a youngster who could benefit from this program, send us his or her name. The only requirement for unaffiliated youngsters is that they have transportation to and from Captree Boat Basin where the Captree Boatmen's Association has cooperated in lining up boats and offering us a special reduced fare package for half-day fluke trips.

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WISE UP TO SAFE BOATING

by Art Michaels

The author provides a few surprising statistics along with some sound advice for a safer season afloat.

If you've ever been in a boating accident, you know how horrifying and tragic the experience can be. But if you examine closely the Coast Guard statistics for boating accidents, you can find some surprising facts about boating mishaps, and the information can help you become a safer boater, whether you fish inland lakes or offshore waters.

For one thing, of all the accidents reported in 1982, 48 percent, or 3,400 out of about 7,000, involved collisions with another vessel. Yet the accidents that are the waterway killers more than any other kinds of mishaps are those that involve falls overboard and capsizing—accidents in which people ended up in the water when they intended not to.

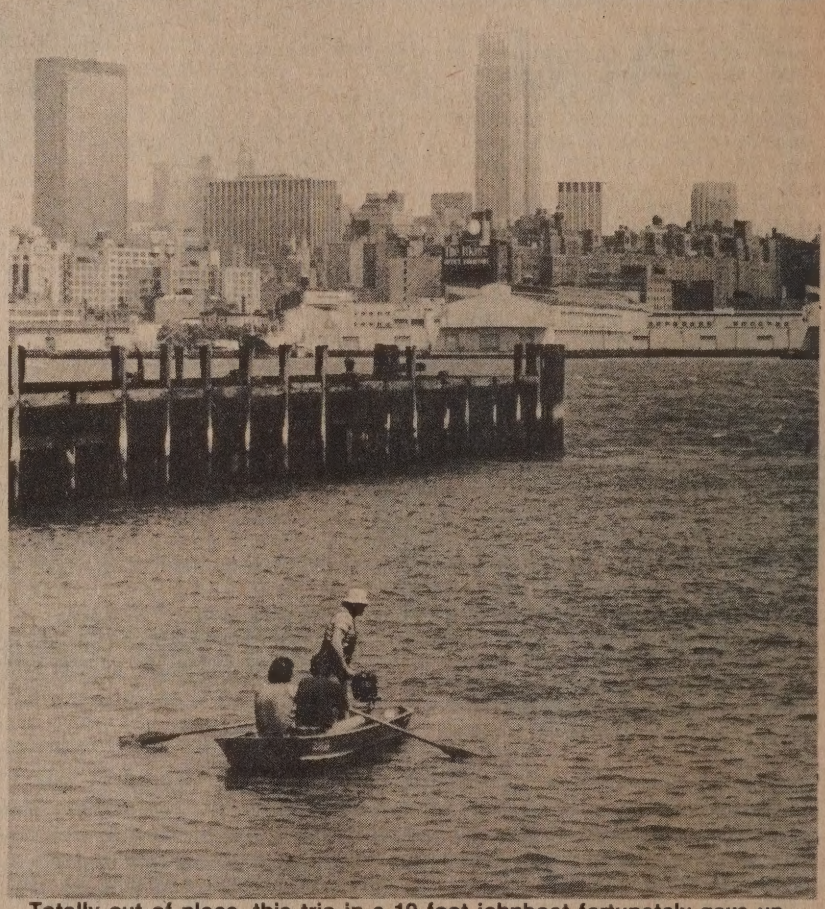
One safety note you might draw from these figures is to be sure you and your passengers are wearing personal flotation devices (PFDs). These safety items are lifesavers, even for the most competent, athletic swimmers.

Sure, if your boat is equipped with a non-wearable type of PFD you are still obeying the law, depending on the size of your boat, but have you ever tried to don a PFD while treading water? Add to that the likelihood of high waves, currents, tides, and wind, and you've mustered up an impossible task. The sad truth is that most boating accident fatalities are caused by drowning, not by other injuries. Even with much practice, putting on a PFD in the water is tough. Make no mistake about this: accident investigations show clearly that unexpectedly and suddenly entering the water—especially cold water—makes statistics out of good athletes and competent swimmers.

The best course is to wear your PFD. When I fish, I use a Type III PFD that doubles as a fishing vest. These PFDs are comfortable, functional, and they may someday save your life or th life of someone you love.

Another telling statistic is that the greatest cause of collisions was the operator's failure to detect a hazard—operator inattention or carelessness.

In my opinion, this data suggests that we all ought to slow down, and when you're in a no-wake zone, abide diligently by that rule. Just as you would while driving a car, watch out for the other guy—boat defensively.



Totally out of place, this trio in a 10 foot johnboat fortunately gave up after several attempts to manage open water. Overloading a boat is one way of becoming a statistic.

The idea of a boat operator's carelessness or inattentiveness causing an accident is heightened by other data. For instance, poor visibility (rain, fog, and darkness) caused less than one percent of the accidents attributed to operator carelessness.

In 82 percent of all accidents reported, an overwhelming figure, visibility was reported as good at the time of the accident. In 53 percent of the reported accidents, water conditions were calm. Winds were reported as light to moderate in 45 percent of the reported cases. Surprising information, isn't it? Clear, nearly calm winds, tranquil waters and WHAM! Accidents all over the place because the boat operator was out to lunch.

Other data is important, too. Most accidents, more than 55 percent, occurred between 10:30AM and 4:30PM. About 25 percent of all accidents occurred in June and July, and Saturday and Sunday accounted for 59 percent of the accidents. In addition, accident victims were most often using their own boat: 83 percent of the boats involved were **not** rented.

Boat information for vessels involved in accidents is interesting. See if you're in the high-risk group. More than 50 percent of the boats were

open speedboats, and 63 percent were made of fiberglass. Over 40 percent were outboards, with 45 percent of these boats titing engines of over 75 hp. More than 47 percent of all boats involved in accidents were 16 to 26 feet.

Statistics can be endless; applying the information so that you can enjoy boating more and have safer boating experiences is the real test. Here are some sound suggestions that should make for safer boating.

Learn all you can about safe boating, operation of your craft, and seamanship. Take a boating course in your area so that you can become a more knowledgeable boater. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadron, the American Red Cross and some state agencies offer excellent courses. Look them up in the phone book, sign up and attend.

You are responsible for the safety of your passengers aboard your craft. If they are not wearing PFDs, make them put one on. Be sure your passengers are appropriately seated at all times and especially while under way and if you're piloting a small craft that's not meant to stand up in, don't do it, and don't let your passengers, either. Be sure not to let your passengers sit where they shouldn't (remember those figures on fatalities and ending up in the water by accident).

In addition to heeding the law in equipping your boat, be sure your gear is serviced and usable. Check your lines, thoroughly service your engine and pamper your boat's hull this coming winter. Don't forget to look over and service that marine fire extinguisher and make sure your trailer is in good working order each time you roll it out. Check out and service your boat's electrical system and lights, too.

Take a look at your boat's capacity plate, and pay attention to the information. Some boats don't have them, those that were made prior to 10 years ago; so check with the manufacturer or with your dealer for this capacity information. The craft's proper handling and smooth operation in rough situations are governed by your heeding the information on the capacity plate.

Get to know the waterways on which you boat. Study maps and be sure you know the behavior of the tide. Remember that more accidents are collisions of some kind than any other mishap and collision include hitting underwater objects and groundings.

In connection with knowing the waterway, learn the rules of the road: ignorance is no excuse. When you register your boat, study state boating regulations. If you trailer out of state, don't assume that all the laws are the same.

Get excited about boating opportunities and have a great time. Just remember that the low price you pay for safer boating now could make for a great investment in safety later on.

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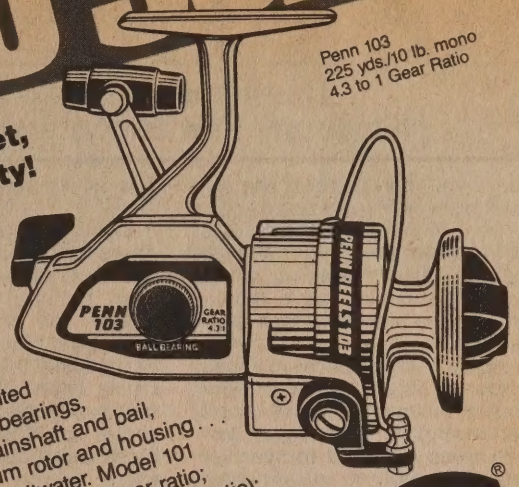

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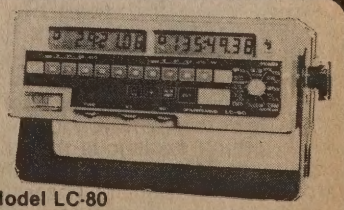

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TOURNAMENT TIME

by Capt. Zac Grossman

Tournament fishing has benefitted from a new philosophy that encourages sound conservation practices.

It's four in the morning and the pale blues and browns of false dawn are on the horizon. The water is like glass and the air is motionless, but all is far from quiet. The noise of wheelbarrows and shopping carts moving swiftly over the wood-planked docks sounds like so many freight trains delivering their precious cargo. Today this cargo is chum and bait being delivered to those private and charter boats preparing for offshore battle.

The marinas are filled to overflowing with the many transient boats here just for this weekend. The sound of engines coming to life all around heightens the tension and excitement. The air is electric. It's tournament time!

Fishing tournaments are not new. There are some venerable old events that are part of the history of our sport, but until recent times they were mostly for the owners of large, expensive offshore cruisers jammed full of costly tackle and enough fuel to cruise countless miles in search of that one spectacular fish. The average angler could only dream of battling those awesome creatures found offshore.

That has changed, too. Sharks have become the "poor man's game fish." They have created a whole new arena, where one can and should expect a high success ratio, a good return on time and money spent. They are so numerous and so interesting, coming in different species and ranging in sizes from under 100 pounds to weights in the thousands. "Sharking" has a mystique all its own because of these variables and that is what makes these fish a natural for a tournament.

Excitement fills the air at day's end as a big mako goes on the scale.

Most boats will fight several sharks in a day. This fact brought about the point system of scoring in tournaments where points were awarded for the number of pounds of shark caught by each boat, sometimes weighted by species. Prizes were awarded to the team that could lure, fight and dispatch the most number of sharks within the alloted time. Back at the weigh station, bookkeeping was fast and furious as the carcasses piled up on the dock. Disposal was via the local garbage carting contractor who removed most of the fish brought in.

True sportsmen began to cringe at this disgusting waste and a new evolution in shark tournaments began. Many a tournament committee decided that a change in awards was the answer. By rewarding quality, not quantity, the emphasis could be shifted off wholesale slaughter and honors heaped onto those with the skill and daring to capture a really big fish. In such a tournament, hours spent fighting a large fish would pay off because there was no incentive to cut it loose and continue landing multiple smaller specimens to build up the points.

The IGFA sanctioned those tournaments whose rules followed the organization's standards for a "clean fight." The marine biologists headed by Jack Casey of NMFS' Narragansett Labs showed great interest in sharks and great curiosity about their migrations, growth rates, fertility, etc. Just so much knowledge can be gained from dissecting the thousands and thousands of carcasses that are the aftermath of a point system tournament. With the growing popularity of quality vs quantity tournaments, it was only natural that Casey's group should promote the tagging and release of "non-contending" specimens. The shark tagging program began to supply tags and other paraphernalia to any accredited tournament requesting same. Many committees added a special prize to their award ceremony for the boat tagging

the largest number of sharks during the event.

Conservation and research have become an important part of such tournaments with more sharks tagged and released than on any other weekend of the season. Both conscience and science were being served. Changes in tournament rules continue to evolve in an attempt at defining the best possible competition from all points of view. A restriction found in the rules of the Montauk Captains Association (MCA) tourney is a good example. They state that no fish under 100 pounds will be allowed on the scales and each boat may weigh in only one fish per day (it is a two day event). To help an angler decide whether a fish should even be brought in, the organization broadcasts current standings over the VHF—the net result being a very limited effect on the shark population as most of those caught are sent on their way carrying one of Casey's numbered capsules (except for prize contenders and special trophies like makos).

The MCA has come up with another wrinkle. Being a non-profit organization, the distribution of prize money (less expenses) is a very important subject for the tournament committee. They decided five years ago that the entry fees brought in enough money for very respectable prizes and very respectable charitable donations as well; and so the Montauk Captains Association Charity Shark Tournament was born. Since then over $24,000 has found its way into the coffers of the Cancer Society, Heart Fund, the Scouts, Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Corps, etc., with a likewise sum disbursed to the anglers winning the tournaments.

This new concept attracted the attention of various fishing related businesses wishing to be associated with this worthy event which served charities, research, conservation and sportsmanship. They saw it as some very good public relations and the MCA saw it as a great new source of prizes to give away. These donations have included expensive marine electronics, offshore fishing tackle, lures, line, motel accommodations, restaurant reservations, etc., and each new season sees the list growing.

The tournament is an important one because it promotes big game fishing for all the right reasons. And then, of course, there is that thrill as 5AM approaches and the first boats are between the jetties, their captains' hands on the throttles anticipating that moment when they can break free of the 5 mph harbor limit. Suddenly the throttles are "pinned," the wheel swung over, and the boat banks to starboard heading for the rising sun. The bright reflections of the many windshields and the roar of all those engines heralding the long awaited moment. It's Tournament Time!!

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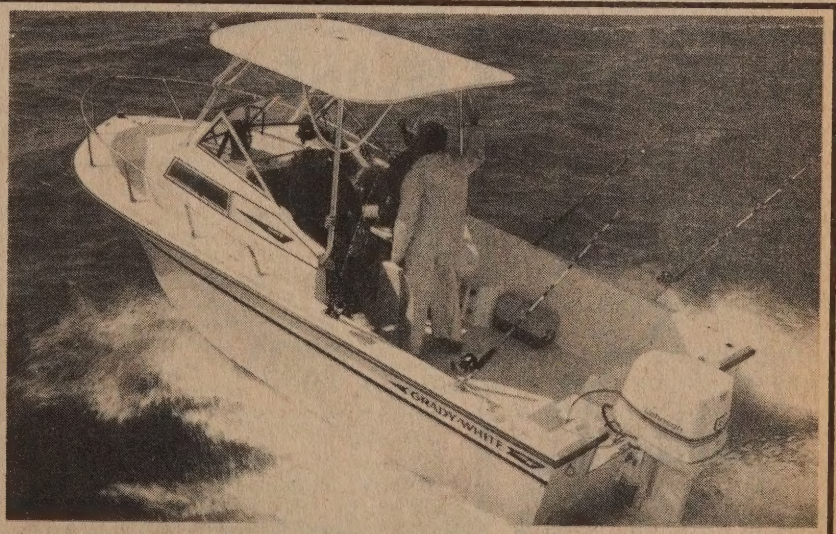

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POTPOURRI AT SHAGWONG

by John Fritz

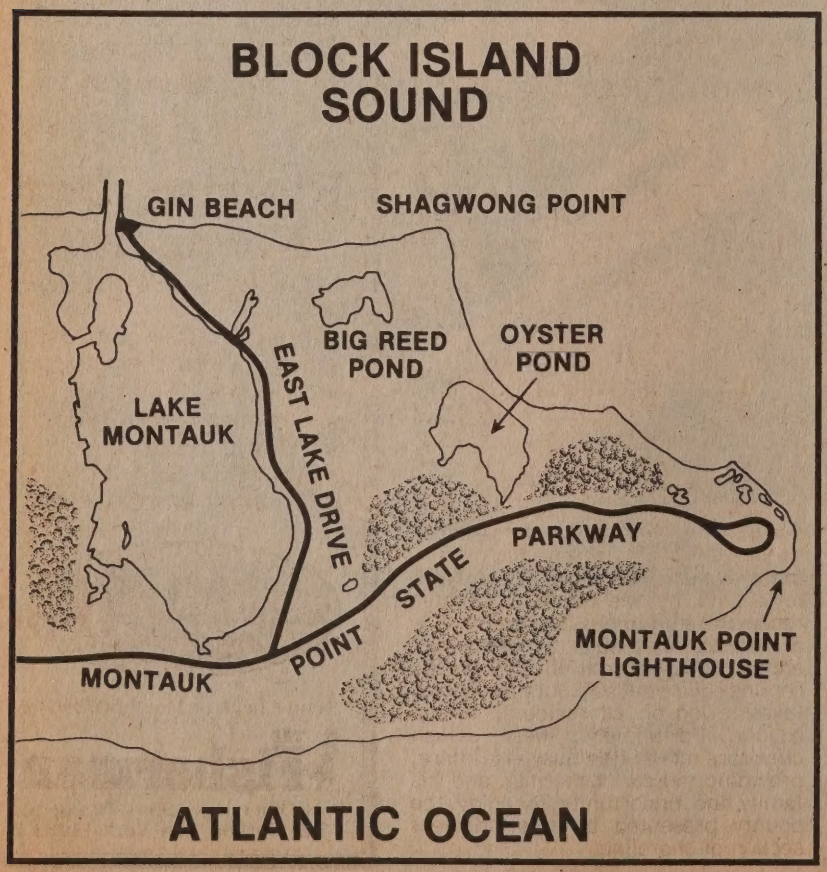
Playing second fiddle to the Lighthouse area, Montauk's north side hosts some fine action with a variety of gamefish.

When a surfman contemplates fishing the environs of Montauk Point, he most often envisions crowds, a crashing surf, treacherous rocks, or any combination of the above. Some of the opportunities presented by this prominent point of land which juts into the relatively calm waters of Block Island Sound, are known by a percentage of the anglers fishing the Montauk shore. For a variety of reasons, this section of shoreline, identified as Shagwong, is ignored by many beach fishermen. While it is true that this area usually does not provide the blitz-type action associated with fall fishing under the Light or along the southside beaches, anglers who disregard this area are missing out on a good thing. Some of the best fishing takes place during a most opportune part of the fishing season. The months of June and July combine pleasant weather with family vacations. This, coupled with the fact that Shagwong offers leisurely day or nighttime fishing, can be the solution for the angler who wishes to include family activities with serious fishing.

Striped bass is the name of the game in early June. Success now will be the result of hard work and skillful use of one's equipment. With bass populations at a critical stage, this phase of surf fishing is just a shadow of what it once was. If seeking bragging sized bass on artificials, then the Shagwong area is among the better locations in which to pursue this quest.

Even though these early bass are reported to have been taken on a variety of lures, minnow type swimming plugs are the main ingredient to success. Plug sizes and colors may vary according to conditions or personal preferences but the 4, 5 or 7 inch models have all been known to take fish. A dynamite combination, now and throughout the entire period to be covered, is formed when a teaser is rigged to swim before the plug. In recent seasons, many surfmen have replaced the time-honored feather teaser wtih the appropriate sized Red Gill. Many swear by the success they achieve with these soft rubber sand eel imitations, but others continue to take their share of fish on pale yellow or white feathers.

The strength and duration of the Shagwong run is dependent upon the amount of fish which choose to break off from the body of bass migrating northward. In past years, striped bass would continue to be beached well in to July. Whatever the extent of this year's run (projections are reported to be dismal at best), the arrival of hordes of small bluefish will take up some of the slack. A number of surfmen will be unhappy with their intrusion on the scene, but everyone must admit that their eagerness to strike a lure is in sharp contrast to bass and even weakfish, when the latter are in their frequent selective moods.



Anglers plying the nighttime hours, seeking the more prized bass and weaks, would be happy if these schools of blues would confine their activities to the daylight hours. To their lament, these toothsome intruders will seize and destroy teasers and small plugs meant for the less aggressive bass and weaks. In an effort to save their teasers from being bitten off, some anglers are rigging them with wire leaders. This practice might prevent the teaser from being stolen but after several bluefish have chewed on these soft-bodied lures they can be discarded anyway.

These harbor blues do have their supporters, for their seemingly insatiable appetite makes them easy game during a more reasonable time of day where women, kids and those who fail to find enjoyment fishing through the night, take them almost at will. The agreeable weather enjoyed at this time of the year makes the hours spent casting medium sized tins or small poppers a pleasant experience. An ideal time to teach a beginner the art of surf fishing and to instill a sense of respect for any fish he has managed to drag from the water. In some instances, the presence of these blues will be betrayed by a canopy of screeching terns. On other occasions, it will be necessary to work the rips periodically throughout the day with a variety of tins and poppers; a practice commonly known as "keeping it honest."

There is a second species which offers daylight diversion plus the opportunity to stock up on fine table fare. The inshore movement of fluke is greeted with delight by many Shagwong regulars and tourists alike. In fact, there are some who make this exceptional fluke fishing a major reason for coming here at this time. Part of the basis for this welcome is due to the fact that most of these fish are taken when fishing artificials from the shore. At times it seems that anyone who can cast a small bucktail or tin and work it near the bottom will stock their cooler.

Even with the possibilities granted by the aforementioned species, the name of the game at Shagwong is weakfish. Weakfishing equal to the best available on any other beach on the Island. Starting with the first tentative casts as the sun slants below the western horizon, until its reappearance on the eastern rim, this spotted gamester frequently provides night-long action. At the height of the run, tide matters little as long as there is current flow. On such nights it's easy pickings, with the fish striking a wide variety of lures. On other nights, the angler must be in possession of a particular lure and discover the precise retrieve and phase of the tide which will produce results.

Possible lures can run the gamut from the Model 60M11 MirrOlure to a 2½ ounce yellow Gibbs darter, but once again, the overall favorite is the minnow type swimmer. Rebels, Red-Fins, Hellcats or the latest Bomber series, in sizes from four inches on up, have all shown that they will attract fish. On many nights, an undoctored, straight bodied, five inch floater will ensure a successful night; on others this same type of lure will have to be of a certain color and weighted with a prescribed number of cc's in order to take fish.

Aside from the fact that heavy water lures such as the Gibbs darter will occasionally be needed to catch fish, the preferred winds are either southerly or non-existent. Knowledgeable surfmen recognize the fact that the minnow type swimmers perform best in relatively calm waters and the addition of a teaser to this lightweight lure will further reduce the distance this lure can be cast. This limited casting range makes it necessary for the angler to wade a considerable distance off the beach. The water temperature in early summer still retains much of its winter chill. Some anglers don wet suits in an effort to ward off the chill, but the more conventional dress is waders and top with long-johns added for additional comfort. Daytime attire frequently consists of little more than a bathing suit.

The need to wade waist deep into the chill waters is not necessary on every occasion, but more often than not the fish will be found lying a bit off the beach. When not in a frenzy, the greater depths found along the seaward edge of the rocky ledge provides the measure of safety the normally wary game fish require. This rocky section, which lies just to the west of the point itself, receives the greatest attention from area fishermen. Before I proceed much further, it should be pointed out that any statements in regard to specific locations are subject to change. The latest word has it that it is impossible to drive to the Point from the west due to the severe beach erosion, but hopefully, Nature's recuperative tendencies will leave a waterfront recognizable to surf fishermen who cherish this area.

For those who are totally unfamiliar with the Shagwong shoreline, the Point itself is comprised of an extensive area of shifting sand bars. Usually there is a sizeable bowl, of deeper water, lying immediately west of the point, which should be given a try during the course of a fishing trip. Any angler plugging the sand bars off the Point generally has to push off the beach in an effort to reach productive water. This can be a tricky venture for the currents are strong and the incessant restructuring of the unstable sands combine to provide uncertain footing. The safety and mobility afforded by a wet suit is invaluable under such conditions.

Relatively little effort is directed fishing to the right of the Point, towards what is known as the Oyster Pond. Unless one travels eastward to Split Rock or the Stepping Stones, this area has not much to offer when compared with the western portion of the shore towards Gin Beach. Fish can be found at almost any location along this lengthy stretch of sand and gravel. Although certain areas seem to attract a majority of the anglers, they do not necessarily hold the most fish on every occasion. This is an excellent shore to walk and cast until a pod of fish is discovered. A few locations popular with local anglers can be found along the beach opposite the buggy cut and the waterfront on either side of the bathing area.

Except for the few hundred yards which encompasses the rocky ledge, this entire area is obstruction free. A feature which permits the use of lightweight tackle, a less tiresome method of fishing and a more sporting way to catch fish. Even the fluke and small bluefish will give a good account of themselves when taken on ultra light gear.

Aside from any troublesome limitations sent your way by Mother Nature, the idyllic setting pictured in the previous lines can be destroyed, for a time, by one calamitous occurrence: the setting of a haul seine. It is a disgrace that such a commercial enterprise is permitted within the confines of a parkland purchased with taxes levied on all residents of the county. Fortunately, these selfish crews are more often busy elsewhere, providing the surf fisherman and his family the opportunity to enjoy the bounty presented by this priceless section of shoreline.

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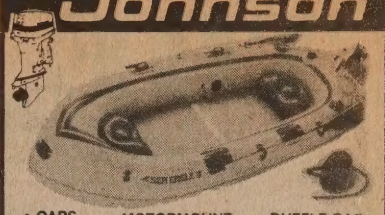

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WEATHER AND THE FISHERMAN

by Matt Ahern

None of us fish very long before we realize weather has a strong influence on the outcome of the day's activities. By this, I don't mean those days when totally unexpected cold, strong winds, rain, etc., force you to stay home or pack it in before the day's fishing is over; or perhaps want to kick yourself for leaving the house. We've all gone through that.

But how about those days that start out so beautifully and then suddenly take a turn for the worse without (you think) a bit of warning? Familiar? Of course. But in many subtle ways, Nature does show the fisherman what's in store for him—if he will but see the handwriting on the wall.

Many fishermen understand this willingness on Nature's part and these are the fellows who attempt to interpret her signposts, hoping that eventually they will learn to avoid many of these unexpected wet fannies, sudden storms, and other assorted miseries that seem to be the fisherman's lot.

And in this respect, we fishermen are not alone.

Farmers, out of necessity, make their own personal forecasts, and so, of course, do commercial fishermen and all others who wrest a living from the sea. Most of these hard-working gentlemen have become so adept, they often deliver a more accurate forecast than professional weathermen with all their sophisticated paraphernalia. In fact, this is quite common, and I often think highly-touted weather personnel would do well to have a toil-hardened farmer or salty "old man of the sea" in the background. Certainly those fellows who think more of ratings than accuracy would suffer less embarrassment at times.

Sure, those fellows who live close to Nature make mistakes. Nature, at best, is quite covetous about her intentions. But the "signs" are there for all who will read, and because of this, many sport fishermen consider reading these weather signs correctly an important part of the fishing game.

Sad to say, however, this isn't something one can accomplish in a month or a year; it takes an intense interest and much careful observation over the years. But it is well worth the effort, for certainly because of these skills these fellows not only put more fish in the bucket, they often avoid many harrowing times out on the open sea. Forewarned, in this case, is certainly forearmed.

Let me give an example of exactly what is meant by relating an actual experience.

On this particular evening I had been thinking about hitting the sack and had turned on the TV for my usual dose of of eleven o'clock hysterics when the phone rang. "It's Artie," my wife called from the kitchen. Artie Leidecker. Friend and buddy; chum and master fisherman. Good. I quickly made my way to the kitchen.

"Yeah, Artie. What's on your mind?"

The voice I know so well for over 60 years rasped in my ear. "Whiting. Big ones. Got a couple of the guys lined up. Wanna go in the morning?"

"Where you fishing? On that high piece of gravel southeast of Ambrose Ridge? The piece we found those big hake on last spring?"

"Too much of a run at this time of year. I figure that fifteen foot rise west of Cholera. How about it? Looks like a fine day coming up. If we leave at 4AM we'll have plenty of fishing time."

I did some quick figuring. Two hours sleep—if I were lucky—plus time spent for breakfast, donning cumbersome foul-weather gear, stowing the gear in the car and a two hour drive to Island Park to reach Artie's "Echo" would be cutting it rather fine, but I could make it.

"Okay, Artie, see you...that is, if the weather doesn't fall apart during the night."

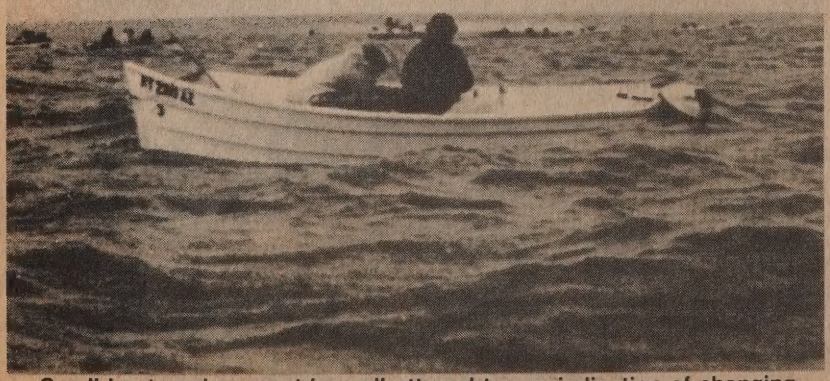
The weather didn't fall apart—and I ought to know for I spent that sleeping time awake.

But this isn't unusual. I find the night before a planned trip seems always to be fretful and often sleepless. I worry I won't hear the alarm; and I worry the weather will take a turn for the worse. All of which means every fifteen minutes or so I'm checking and rechecking, disturbing, as the old fisherman's poem has it, the whole household. It's a good thing my family is acclimated to these nocturnal activities, for it is too late in the game to teach this old dog new tricks.

For a mid-December morning, the weather was fine: exceptionally clear and about forty degrees, but most important of all—windless. A good break all around. Or so I thought.

Artie was idling the engine as I stepped aboard his well-kept 30 footer. In the gloom I could make out the familiar figures of Al Dunn and Charley Hall. I called my greetings and in minutes we were moving slowly over the glossy starlit surface of Reynold's Channel, heading for East Rockaway Inlet.

As we cleared the inlet, the Echo lifted lazily to gentle swells, proving we were once again on the ever-restless ocean. Artie headed south and a mite east and held it there. I chatted with the fellows for a spell



Small boat anglers must be well attuned to any indication of changing weather conditions.

and then went to the bow and looked about for the first sign of approaching dawn. Still too early.

I looked up. The stars, uncommonly bright and sharply defined, flared blue-white and fire-red as they shimmered and danced against the darkness of infinite space. It was beautiful. No question about it. But at the moment I wasn't interested in beauty. This exotic display by Nature meant only one thing to this fisherman's eyes: snow tomorrow, and probably a good one. Maybe this would be the last trip of the year. I walked back to Artie and voiced my thoughts.

"Yeah, I noticed. But that isn't all." He glanced eastward. "Dawn soon." In the dim light of the instrument panel I could see an anxious face. "Keep your eyes north and east, Matt, and let's hope there's no low-hanging clouds sitting there when the sun gets up." He tamped tobacco into his pipe. "Damn! Hate to quit now that we're so far out. But if those low-hangers are there at dawn, that's what we'll do. This will be no place for us."

I had to agree, for often when the threat of a possible heavy snowstorm is in the offing, and when at the moment the weather is much too warm for it to materialize, as it was that particular morning, a day of gale force, bitterly cold northwest wind ushers in what is to follow. Any low-hanging, flattened at the base fleecy clouds clinging to the horizon at sun-up would tip us off; and if so, we were prepared to turn back immediately. A winter gale at sea is no place for a 30 footer.

And eventually this is what we were forced to do. The clouds were there, all right, much to our disgust, for we were a good nine miles out, and when the sun cleared those clouds we could feel the wind on our stern. It seemed to come from nowhere. Artie immediately threw the Echo about in a wide sweep, and when he did we felt the increasing cold and rising wind. The temperature must have dropped ten degrees in as many minutes, and it continued to drop as we beat our way back.

Before we made the lee of the shoreline, that northwester was whistling and whooping along, the seas growing higher with each passing minutes, the white horses hissing as they curled and tumbled past the plunging Echo. East Rockaway Inlet sure looked good.

But as bad as it was, we weren't caught as indeed many innocents are. Nature had warned us in her subtle way and we had paid heed.

The signs are always there—you just have to learn how to interpret what they mean. Therefore, if you intend to take up fishing in a serious way and make the sea your hunting ground, I can give you no better advice than this: take no chances! Develop your own method of reading weather signs. It will pay off.

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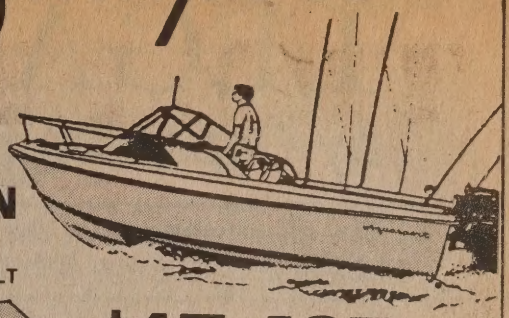

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A DIAMOND LEGACY

by Capt. John DeMaio

"...the effectiveness of the jig will endure as long as there are fish to be caught."

When I began chartering back in 1975, my original concept was to take people casting only. No trolling. As business increased, I was unable to pick the best times for casting and had to fish by the clock. My second choice in method of attack was the diamond jig, but maybe I have that backwards. Perhaps the diamond jig fishing increased the business. Whatever, it went over big. People acted like I had created a new idea in fishing. Far from it! My introduction to effective diamond jigging began at least 20 years before that in the Sheepshead Bay area.

What has happened to the diamond jig during these past nine years? Not only as an effective means of catching fish, but also the physical shape of the lure. Just how popular is the lure at present and where is it going? Let's take these questions one at a time.

As I have stated in previous articles written years ago, the effectiveness of the jig will endure as long as there are fish to be caught. I believe it to be the most perfect lure ever designed. An angler going forth without several jigs amongst his tackle selection is like a hunter without bullets for his rifle. The lure is not a seasonal fad, but rather will produce results year after year. If not one day, then the next. Investing a couple of bucks in a diamond jig is money well spent.

This leads us to the next inquiry: the shape of the lure. Which one should the unknowing fisherman purchase? After having seen what's offered on the market today the choice can be baffling. When I began using jigs we selected by weights and shapes. Jigs basically came four sided and the varying shape designs were subtle. Now the selection is endless. Round, scaled, bent, hammered, colored and adorned with nylon hairs, rubber tails and bucktails. I would like to think that I had a lot to do with changing the shape when I developed the sand eel jig. This jig was picked up by AVA Tackle Company and produced under the name, "DeMayo" jig.

This lure came about by way of searching for a better sand eel imitation. All too often the trolled umbrella would take bass with frightening efficiency while my offered jig would go begging for attention. Something else was needed. The result was a round pencil-shaped lead about six inches long and approximately four ounces in weight. Both ends have a swivel and the hook end is bent to give it the necessary action. The lure was not invented by me, merely developed. In short, it was an idea whose time had come.

The most significant change in the jig has been the use of adding a tube to the lure. I tried that as far back as 1970 when I was still making my own jigs. Instead of merely attaching the tube hook to the eye by way of a barrel swivel, I cast the lure with a small beaded chain to allow for more freedom of spin. Quite honestly, though, my efforts produced little. Perhaps I didn't try hard enough or whatever, but at that time the standard jig was more successful.

Besides the beaded chain, I molded my jigs with the swivel already built into the eyes. Prior to that, if you wanted a swivel between your jig and hook, a split ring was required. The use of the swivel was essential to create a swimming motion when the lure is quickly retrieved. A method termed "squidding." Here again, AVA Tackle took the initiative by manufacturing the first diamond jig with a built-in swivel. Since then, Bridgeport and many more tackle makers have followed suit. I might add that some of these manufacturers advertise the lure as being "snag free," because of the use of a single hook and not a treble. Also the fish is hard pressed to tear free because of the swivel which allows for a complete pivot. While both these statements are true they are secondary to the swivel's primary function of permitting a SWIMMING motion when

Who said diamond jigs don't take big stripers?

retrieved.

While on the subject of misconceptions (and I often see this one in print) the four sided diamond jig is not a good match for the sand eel. If you doubt me, then dwell on this. Why do we add a tube to the jig? The answer to the rhetorical question is because the tube will catch better. A standard jig best imitates small fish and bait fish other than sand eels. Small weakfish, snappers, porgies, blowfish, sea robins and such are an example of what prompts the use of a jig. Baits such as herring, mackerel and particularly the anchovy can turn the diamond jig into a lethal weapon.

You may further doubt my theory by relating the day or days when you have had great success usng a jig and the fish were spitting out sand eels when being unhooked. Of course, the jig will ape the sand eel but not to perfection. Also, other bait fish may be involved that best copy the jig. In reality, what you see is not always what it appears to be.

The lure's popularity continues. It served a successful tour of duty during the great bass years. Again, in the weakfish campaign it served proudly with honor and distinction. Only in the battle against the weakies, the jig was supported by the tube that went above the jig as a dropper. For its valor and courage in the face of overwhelming numbers of bluefish, the jig ranks first on the honor roll of heroic lures.

At Montauk last fall, the diamond jig became the **hot** lure on school tuna. Almost everyone stopped trolling and switched to diamond jigging. Even the monarch of game fish, the giant bluefin tuna will take a jig when presented properly. Right now, I don't believe there is a diamond jig on the market designed for giant tuna fishing. The problem being that an added hook would have to have an open eye. The lure should be cast with a needle eye hook that will not open up under pressure.

The final question was where is the lure going? It is going on to other success stories. As long as capable, creative fishermen use their skill and initiative—the lure will continue to work wonders.

Still another question remains unanwered here. I'm sure it's on the lips of many now reading this article. How about striped bass? Sure, it works on weaks and bluefish, even tuna, but can you still catch a bass on a diamond jig? Yes! But unfortunately the opportunity may not present itself as often as one would like.

A diamond jig has limitations. The limits are governed by water depth, tide strength, and available bait. You cannot simply plop a jig in the water and expect action. Even with all the prerequisites filled, the final outcome will be determined by the angler's ability to work the lure correctly. Or, in many cases, to perfection. It is amazing how a seemingly intelligent fish can be made into a dummy. All it takes is skill, knowledge and the opportunity (knowledge will determine the opportunity).

At Montauk this fall, the diamond jig fishing for bass was hurting. Some decent catches and fish of a large size were taken, but the opportunities were limited. The reason being that the bass showed better along the beaches than in the deep fast moving water where the jig fishes best. Try to catch bass in 20 feet of water with a lazy tide and heavy traffic by way of diamond jigs is difficult.

I don't believe that this beach action is a current trend. This year may see a return to the rips and ledges for the best bass fishing. Quite often bass may be found in both areas, the shallows and the depths. This permits a wider range of attack, including trolling, casting, and diamond jigging. Of greater importance, it spreads the fleet leaving room for maneuvering.

The largest bass taken on a jig this season aboard my boat, the "Vivienne," weighed 48 pounds. I say this only to impress upon you that you can take a big fish on the diamond jig. If your interest in catching a fish is how, and not how many, even on the toughtest days fishing a jig will produce if you apply yourself. Some days it will outfish anything else going.

Scotch and diamond jigs each share something in common. They both grow better with age.

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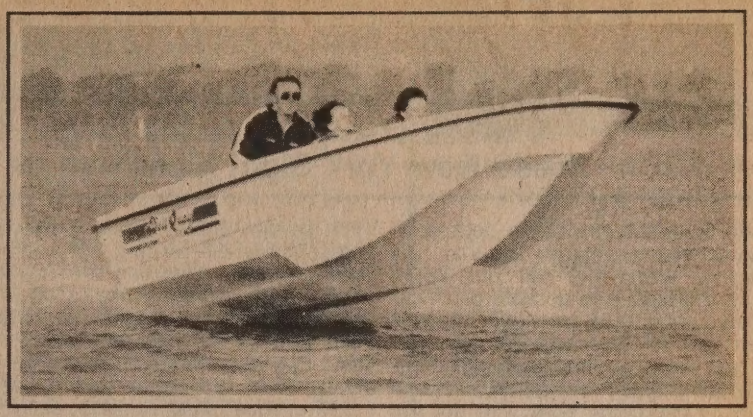

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THE GOLDEN TOUCH

by Andy Regina

A subtle change in tackle taught the author that these New York Bight blues can be a finicky bunch

Small bluefish were being decked all around me, one after another, by everyone along the rail but Yours Truly. As bags and buckets got filled in rapid order with "cocktail" blues of from two to four pounds, my own success was overshadowed alarmingly by railbirds outfishing me by at least three to one odds. Now, I'm not the world's greatest fisherman by any stretch of the imagination, yet I knew in my heart that I was at least as good as anyone aboard the Betty W II that day, if not better than most. I looked down the rail towards the bow and even Ken Moran, outdoor columnist for the New York Post, was beating me out. That alone told me that I must have been doing something wrong!

I had not been out to Sheepshead Bay in years. In fact, the last time I saw Al Coley, the skipper of the Betty W II, had been about eight years ago, when he was the mate aboard that very same boat. In truth, Al was the reason I was back again, just like he was the reason for all my previous trips aboard that vessel, long ago. Al was the best mate I ever saw, with a vast font of fishing savvy that was imparted to his patrons with satiric wit that belied his friendliness. Yet, I'm certain that he was personally responsible for turning out some of the sharpest fishermen the Bay has ever seen. When I had spoken to Moran about a mutual fishing trip, I was dubious at best, but when Ken said that he wanted to go out on the Betty W II, I leaped at the chance.

After meeting at dockside early the next morning and renewing old acquaintances with Al over hot coffee and donuts, courtesy of Moran's expense account, we shoved off exactly at 6:30AM. We were headed for the shipping lanes of the New York Bight, where we would join several other boats from the same port to form a loosely scattered group of boats known locally as the "Cantaloupe Fleet." That term was in common use for a long time and we all knew the half-dozen boats that comprised this so-called "fleet," but I never knew exactly why they got that name. That day, Captain Coley enlightened me. It seems that a while back, even before they built the Verrazano Bridge, this same group of boats used to fish that inshore locale regularly. The larger, faster boats from the Bay used to beat it to far places and the rest of the Bay boats used to be bottom fishing, but this particular group of medium-sized boats always fished locally, mostly for bluefish. Well, one bright day they got out there and discovered the whole area was literally wall-to-wall cantaloupes. The melons were all over the joint, floating in and out with the tides, but always there. And the fishing was so good that the boats continued to fish there, amid the bobbing melons, which is why they got tagged with that monicker, by some outdoor writer a helluva lot smarter than me! How all that luscious fruit got there is anybody's guess. Some claim it was from cargo being jettisoned from a sinking freighter; others say it was all that was left of a collision between two ships that did not quite pass in the night. Which story is true, if any? I don't know. You pay your money and you take your choice!

There were no cantaloupes floating around that morning, but there were plenty of small bluefish. We started catching them right off the bat, and didn't stop all day long. In fact, the skipper only moved the boat once during all that time, and then only because our first lengthy drift finally took us out of that huge school of fish. We were jigging for the fish in that fairly recent technique known as speed squidding that was, incidentally, developed by these same astute Sheepshead Bay skippers a few short years ago. I well remember the times aboard the Betty W II that a caustic-tongued mate made life unbearable for me until I finally grasped the amazingly simple intricacies of this art. Once I learned to let line out between the thumb and forefinger of my left hand as the rod was tucked under my left arm, while at the same time keeping my right thumb on the free-spooled line and my right forefinger on the free-spool level, Coley climbed off my back. He taught us to fish this way because we could not only feel any hits on the rapidly descending jig, thus increasing our catch, but we'd know the precise instant the jig touched bottom, whereupon we could engage the reel and start an instant retrieve. This made the jigs look more like a real sand eel, trying to first hide from then escape from predators seeking free lunch. We further learned that if there were no takers within the first 10 to 20 turns of the reel handle, to stop the retrieve

Paul Eichel uses spinning tackle to tangle with a cocktail blue.

and let the jig plummet to the bottom again, rather than reel the lure all the way up to the surface. The reason is simple: most of the fish are down deep, on or near the bottom, where the bulk of the sand eels are trying to bury themselves in the sand, which is why they're called sand eels in the first place. Actually, they are properly termed sand launce, but no one hardly ever uses that name around these parts.

You can catch fish high up in the water column, but you will get more action down deep simply because that's where most of the fish are—it's merely a matter of odds and percentages, like the losers who frequent Atlantic City always tell me. The big difference here is that you stand a good chance of becoming a winner more often than not.

To get back to my story, even though I was catching enough fish to make things interesting, it was nothing like the bonanza the rest of the gang was enjoying, and I couldn't figure out the reason why. Or, in my case, why not! I was using the same jig everyone else was using and doing everything in exactly the same manner, matching my retrieve speed to theirs and imitating every idiosyncrasy, whether fish-oriented or not. If the guy next to me sneezed, I sneezed; if someone else coughed, so did I. It was no use though, they still were catching more fish than I was.

Skippy, the mate, noticed this as he made his rounds among the patrons, pausing to lend expert advice or an experienced hand to those in need of same. After watching a few minutes, he asked me to reel my jig in and show it to him, which I did and which evoked a trimphant "Aha!" from him. My arched eyebrows asked the tacit question, "What is it?" even before my big mouth opened and my vocal cords got going. "I got it!" Skippy said, cutting my jig free and walking into the cabin with it. I followed close behind. I wanted to see just what that "it" was that Skippy had discovered. The mate opened the eye of the jig hook with his pliers and discarded it, replacing the original hook with another, taken from a boxful kept behind the counter in the galley. Crimping the eye of the new hook closed, Skippy told me to "go ahead and catch plenty of fish now," adding jokingly that he had just given my diamond jig "the magic touch." I looked at the hook—it was gold.

"Don't ask me why," Skip said, "all I know is that it works and it has made the difference between average catches and great catches out here for the past couple of weeks." I looked at the jig, then back at the mate; I was willing to try almost anything to catch more fish, even though I rarely brought many fish home and, in fact, very rarely caught too many in the first place! I figured that if I did get lucky, I'd leave the fish for the boys who worked on the boat to sell. Surely, those guys don't make a helluva lot of money, salary wise, and supplemented their incomes with tips and the money garnered from selling fish. And the boys on the Betty W II did not spend their time fishing for the market at the expense of disregarded or neglected passengers either, as was common practice aboard many other boats. These guys did not fish at all and were always there when you needed them, gaffing fish or untangling lines, checking techniques and offering advice where needed. You never saw a more helpful crew, but it wasn't hard to figure out the reason why, either. Back in the past, when I had first met Al Coley, he was a hard-working, non-fishing mate, quite the opposite of his many peers aboard a host of other vessels in the Bay at that time. When I questioned Al about his radical departure from the norm, all the while complimenting him on his efficiency, I was told by him that he was merely doing his job. His philosophy was that a satisfied customer was a steady customer, and his livelihood depended upon a regular trade of steady clientele. He had, in fact, hit the nail on the head, and actually was instrumental in creating this same atmosphere aboard many other boats sailing from that same port. Today, it is common practice aboard most of the Sheepshead Bay fleet of party boats, thanks mainly to Al Coley's influence and inspiration.

That gold hook made the difference, I might add. It seems that for some strange reason it drew more strikes from more fish. Maybe that tiny flash of gold made the jigs look more lifelike, or maybe it was more visible down in the depths, I don't really know, but it worked. And it worked so well that I converted several of my jigs when I got home that day, adding gold hooks to an assortment of Ava and Bridgeport jigs that I would use later on in Long Island Sound. I mused upon the subtleties we had to cope with each season, and often within the very same season itself, as fickle fish feeding habits changed. At one time we had to use tube tails on our jigs, or we'd get skunked. So, after making sure that all our jigs were rigged with tube tails (a considerable job, considering different jig weights and various tube colors) the bluefish refused ALL tubes the following season.

Fishing is like that though, just when you're sure of something—BINGO!—it changes, sure as God made those little green apples everyone talks about. So, to be on top of the situation, be prepared for EVERY situation, bluefish-wise, and bring along a good assortment of jigs—all the different sizes you think you may need. The various shapes and jigs with tube tails, jigs without tube tails, and certainly, those jigs with the gold hooks. You never know just when those bluefish are going to go for jigs with or without tube tails or when they will prefer "the golden touch."

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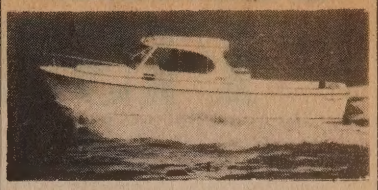

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HARBOR FESTIVAL FISHING RODEO

by Al Ristori

(Executive Director)

New this year, the event is sure to attract large numbers of anglers from Fire Island to Manasquan.

There's something new on the tournament horizon this year: a contest that covers a wide area and provides significant prizes while also being available to anyone wishing to enter. There are few requirements and no need to be part of any organized fishing group. Indeed, you don't even need a boat as there's a separate division for party boats—and the inshore division covers rental skiffs. The first annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo will be contested on the weekend of June 30-July 1 and is open to all boats sailing out of ports from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet.

The Rodeo is a new event in the Fourth of July festivities schedule developed by the Harbor Festival Foundation. It's that foundation which organizes the yacht races, fireworks and many other activities which lead up to and include the July 4th holiday. Backing is provided by the Port Authority and various sponsors. This year is the first time that fishing has been included in the celebrations, and we hope to make it an annual event. For this first event, we have over $22,000 in cash prizes plus merchandise awards that will probably exceed $10,000 by a wide margin.

Basically, the rodeo is divided into three divisions: the Party Boat division is by individual entry. Every party boat in the area covered can compete without specifically entering. In this division it's the individual angler entries that count. Large charter boat parties (over six passengers) will be considered to be party boat and anglers involved in such groups must be individually entered. The fee is $10 and the eligible species are bluefish, fluke and weakfish. In each case there will be a first prize of $1000, second of $500 and third of $250. In addition, there will be 4th through 10th prizes of $100 each for bluefish and fluke only.

The **Inshore** division includes the same species and prizes, but entry is by the boat for private and charter (six passengers or less) boats. The boat entry fee is $20. Boats may enter only the Inshore or Offshore divisions—not both.

The **Offshore** division is set up to interest both boats fishing not too far offshore for sharks and those venturing out to the canyons. The shark boats can try for both mako sharks and a general category encompassing all other sharks—as well as bluefish. The likelihood that the largest bluefish that weekend will be caught by shark anglers resulted in the offshore blues being assigned to a separate category. The canyon runners can seek out albacore and bigeye tuna. In the case of each of these five

categories, the first prize will be $1000; second is $500 and third is $250. In addition, the largest yellowfin tuna (not covered in the cash awards) will win the fortunate angler a Fin-Nor Lite 50 lb. class rod and reel valued at $850. Should some boat be fortunate enough to boat an early season marlin, the largest marlin of any kind will be rewarded with $250 worth of Mold Craft Softhead Lures. Entry fee for the Offshore division is $80 per boat.

A very important point—all checks for entry go to the Harbor Festival Foundation, Inc., which is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization under I.R.S. code 501 (c) (3). As a result, all such contributions are tax deductible.

In addition to the cash and merchandise prizes already specified, there is much more. In the Offshore division, the boat taking the fish which comes closest to the IGFA record for that species (on a percentage basis) will win a Concord Mariner SG watch (the sports watch of the 80s) valued at over $3000! Among the other prizes committed at the time this was written is, perhaps, the most valuable of all: two round-trip tickets on Trans World Airlines to any destination on their route! TWA is the Official Airline for Harbor Festival '84. Add to all the foregoing such items as an Evinrude 2 HP outboard motor, Surfmasters and Jigmasters from Penn Reel Company, spinning outfits for leading entries by youngsters courtesy of Daiwa Corporation, supplies of diamond jigs from Bead Chain (Bridgeport) and Ava, Chatillon brass fishing and drag-setting scales, and many other prizes. Check the "Pass It On" section during the next couple of weeks for information as to how these and other prizes will be awarded.

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Other weigh-in stations will be designated in order to provide for

local inconveniences. It should be noted that all entries must be made from a boat. The only exception is in the Party Boat division where weigh-in stations are often located nearby, rather than on the water. In that case, the captain must tag the fish for the angler and have a crew member escort him to the scales.

In order to encourage conservation and discourage excessive weigh-ins, the following minimum weights have been established:

Bluefish—8 pounds
Fluke—3 pounds
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Mako Shark—150 pounds
Other Sharks—200 pounds
Albacore—25 pounds
Bigeye Tuna—100 pounds

Each angler or boat can enter as many fish in each category as desired, but only the biggest will count as only one prize per angler or boat in each category of fish within a division will be awarded.

The fishing rules are quite simple. All fish must be caught on rod and reel from a boat entered in the contest or, in the case of the Party Boat division, by an angler individually entered in the Rodeo and fishing from a party boat sailing from a port in the contest area. IGFA rules apply, except that the use of wire line and umbrella rigs is specifically authorized. It is important to remember that the use of harpoons will disqualify an entry, and so will the use of firearms on a fish. There are some shark tournaments which do allow the use of those items and anglers should be aware of the fact that such practices are not permitted for entries in the rodeo. Other than that, the rodeo will run much like other contests going on that weekend and, in most cases, entries in local contests will also be good for the rodeo—provided they are weighed-in at rodeo weigh-in stations. All fish will be inspected by our judges to ensure accurate weight and compliance with the regulations.

Short of a hurricane, there's nothing that will prevent the Party Boat and Inshore divisions from running on schedule. In the event of very bad weather, the Rodeo Committee may opt to cancel one or both days of offshore fishing. If any cancellation notice is issued it will be broadcast several times from 11PM, June 29th through the following morning and again during any of the contest hours on radio station WNEW (1130 AM). The rain date is Monday, July 2nd. Should that too be cancelled, the cash and merchandise prizes assigned to the Offshore division will be drawn at random from among that division's entrants.

Boats may leave port any time after 12:01 AM Saturday, June 30, and the contest concludes at 7PM, Sunday, July 1. Naturally, anglers should arrange their return to the weigh-in stations during the hours at which

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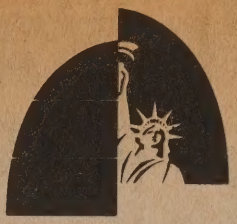

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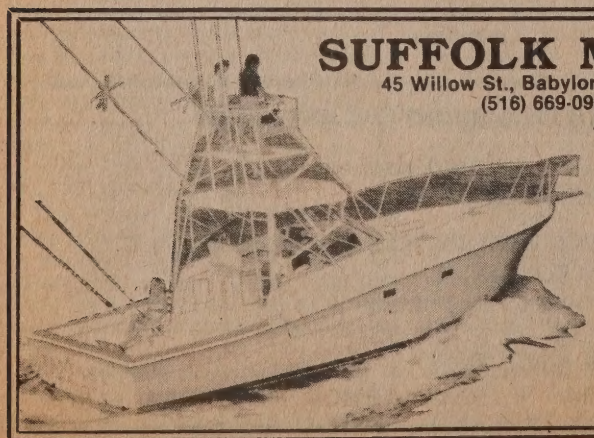

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In order to fish, you must be properly entered prior to the rodeo. You can pick up entry forms (including all rules) at most tackle shops, marinas, and all of our weigh-in stations—or fill out the form at the end of this article. The basic information about the rules is contained in this piece and you must read the "Consents Required" section before signing. A copy of the rules will be sent, along with the registration card, to those using this form. Each party boat angler, or boat in the other divisions, must have their registration card in hand when weighing in. For that reason, we advise having your entries sent in by June 23rd in order to allow time for return of the registration card.

The weekend of June 30 to July 1 will present Metropolitan anglers with a unique opportunity for competition on a regional basis and an excellent chance to win valuable prizes. Join in the fun and help make this a successful effort both for the Harbor Festival Foundation and local fisheries conservation groups that will benefit should substantial profits be recorded. If sufficient enthusiasm is shown, major sponsors are waiting in line to make next year's event an even bigger one—perhaps the biggest on the coast!

Consents Required: It is expressly understood that all participants in this Rodeo enter at their own risk, and that the Harbor Festival Foundation, the Fishing Rodeo, its officers and directors and all persons connected directly with the operation of said Rodeo shall be exempt from any liability whatsoever for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sport fisherman, boat captain, mates, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during the Rodeo.

By signing the entry blank, the angler or captain consents that the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo may use without payment or restriction, any photographs in which he, she or the members of the crew appear for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The angler further releases the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo and Harbor Festival Foundation, their officers, directors and members from any loss, injury or damage which may result.

All anglers in the Party Boat division and captains or boat owners in the other divisions are required to sign their entry blank as certification that they had read and agree to abide by all the rules. No entry will be accepted unsigned.

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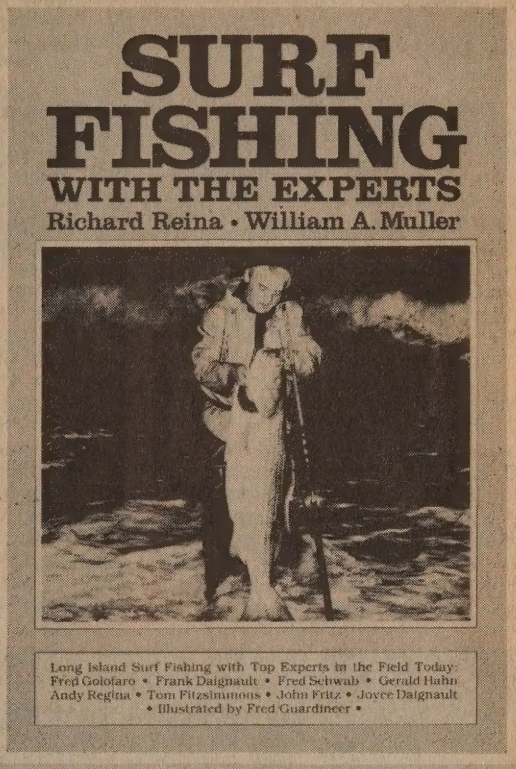
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SEA ROBINS

—A Seafood Lovers Delight—

by Stu Miller

"Oh baby—this guy's got to be kidding, writing about sea robins. Those pain in the butt 'trash fish' that use up all my bait, have all those needle-sharp barbs and look so ugly.

Well, brothers and sisters, let me say a few words on behalf of the poor, maligned sea robin.

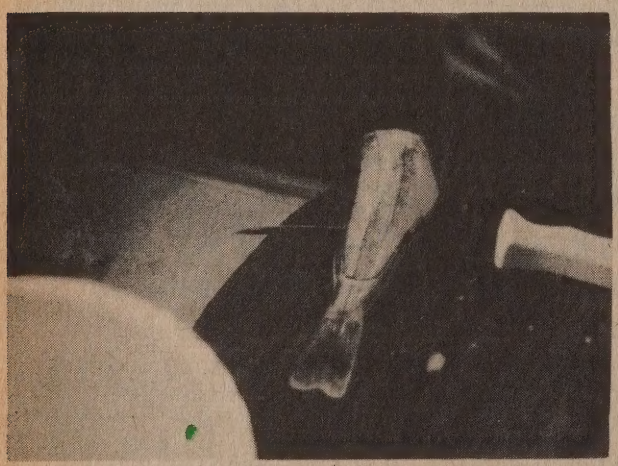
Invading our inlets and bay in huge numbers each summer, when most inshore bottom fishermen seek the prestigious and delicious fluke, the sea robin competes greedily and ferociously for the angler's bait. And they are not particular, as killies, spearing, squid, sand eels, worms, clam and strip baits all appeal to them. Therefore, many consider them bait stealers, especially when they hope to see a good fluke being hoisted from the depths and are instead greeted by those big, thrashing wings. The fight given by the robin, especially on light tackle, is a very good one—they provide a lot of action and are strong fighters for their size. I think most of you reading this have already done battle with Sir Robin. Most of you have probably thrown him back, reasoning that if you're not going to eat the fish, let him live. He is, after all, one of God's creatures and does fit into some grand plan, there on the bay bottom. Some of you may have killed him and thrown him back, for committing the dastardly deed of trying to eat to stay alive (hopefully, the number of Long Island Fishermen readers who would do this is very small). Still others might elect to kill the fish and then fillet off the sides for strip baits, which fluke love.

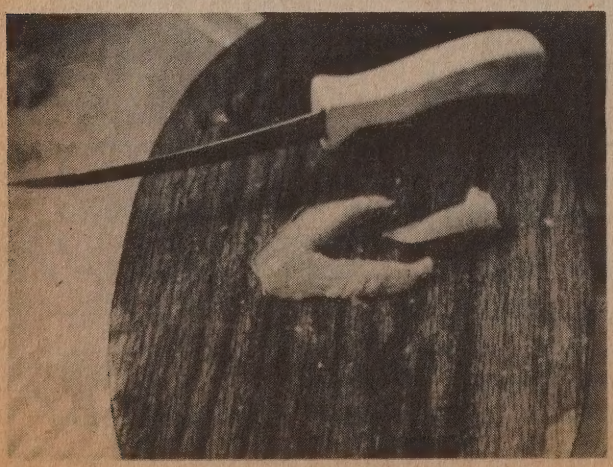
But—how many of you felt your taste buds jumping up and down when at the end of the tussle, a big robin was flopping in the bottom of the boat, with your hook in his mouth? Not too many, I'd guess.

For the record, sea robins make delicious eating. The biggest obstacle to their popularity is their outward appearance—which is merely their apparatus of locomotion ("wings") and protection (spines, spurs and bony bead).

Let's say you've decided that on the next trip out for fluke, you're going to keep the larger sea robins and give them the taste test. Once you get them to the filleting board, the procedure to transform each fish into two succulent fillets is quite easy. Just remember to be careful handling these fish. Even after they've given up the ghost, you can still stick yourself on the dorsal fin spines or the spurs all around the head and gill area.

Holding the fish carefully by the





head, belly down, cut straight down behind the fourth dorsal fin spine. This should put your blade aft of all of the bony spurs which would otherwise impede the downward cut of the blade. Cut completely through and discard the head which will also contain most of the guts.

Next, let's separate the sides from the backbone. Laying the robin on its side and grasping the fish just forward of the tail tightly and firmly ('twixt thumb and forefinger so it doesn't get away), cut down at a 45 degree angle to the backbone and work up toward the front of the fish. You'll encounter thin rib bones as you proceed, but don't let that disturb you; we'll remove these later on. Repeat the procedure now on the other side.

The third step is to separate the meat from the skin. This is very easily done by holding down one end with your fingertips or an ice pick and working the fillet knife blade with a slight sawing motion, forward, between the meat and the skin. Be sure to give the blade a slight downward pitch, so that it won't cut away any meat.

At this point, you've got a skinless fillet, but it still contains some rib bones. To get rid of these rib bones, feel out their full location with your fingers. Then, with the fillet knife, cut out the V-shaped wedge of flesh that contains them. You'll be left with a U-shaped hunk of solid, boneless fillet per side. Although these fillets won't be the size of those you'd take from a 30 lb. cod, you'll find it worth the effort.

Here are just two methods of preparation that are simple and make great eating:

Method #1—Deep fry or pan fry the fillets after they've been rolled in flour, eggs and bread crumbs, in that order.

Method #2—According to my taste buds, this one takes the pool. Lay the fillets on a sheet of tin foil and liberally spoon on several blobs of margarine or butter, followed by several good shakes of garlic salt. Fold up the tin foil, continuing to allow the fillets to lie flat on the bottom, as they would in a pan, with the rest of the foil forming a loosely sealed container. Put this on top of a hot, burning charcoal grill for about 10 minutes swooshing the contents every few minutes with a fork for uniform cooking and basting. When the meat is white, firm and flaky, it's "pig out time." To me, this method of preparation makes the sea robin taste like a combination of lobster and crab. Mmmmm boy, is it good! Try this one: you'll never again resent a robin on your hook. And if you do your summertime fluking from a party boat, let your fellow passengers know you'll take all the sea robins they catch, if they don't want them. They may view you as a little dippy at first, but as sure as God made little green apples, one day they'll think of you and say, "HE KNEW."

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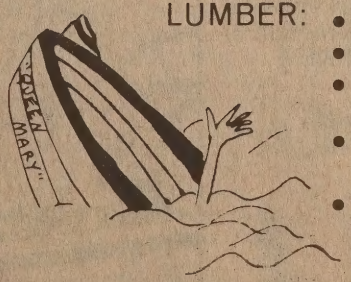

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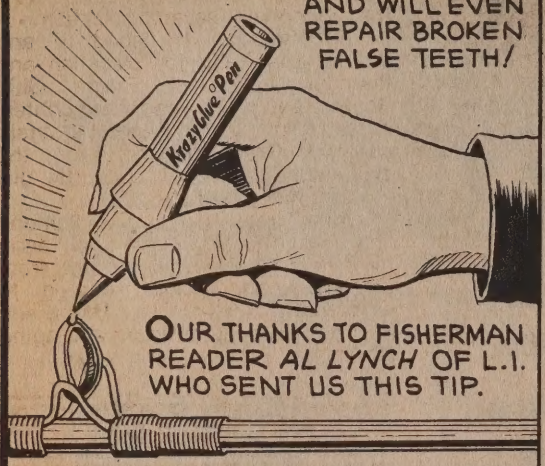

OUR THANKS TO FISHERMAN READER *AL LYNCH* OF L.I. WHO SENT US THIS TIP.

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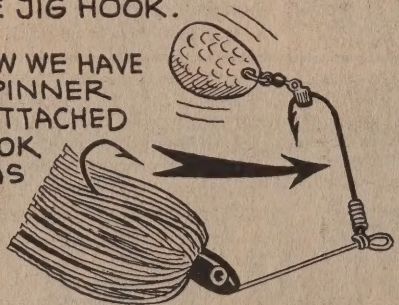

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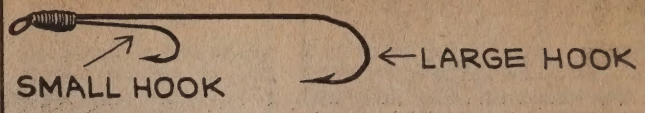

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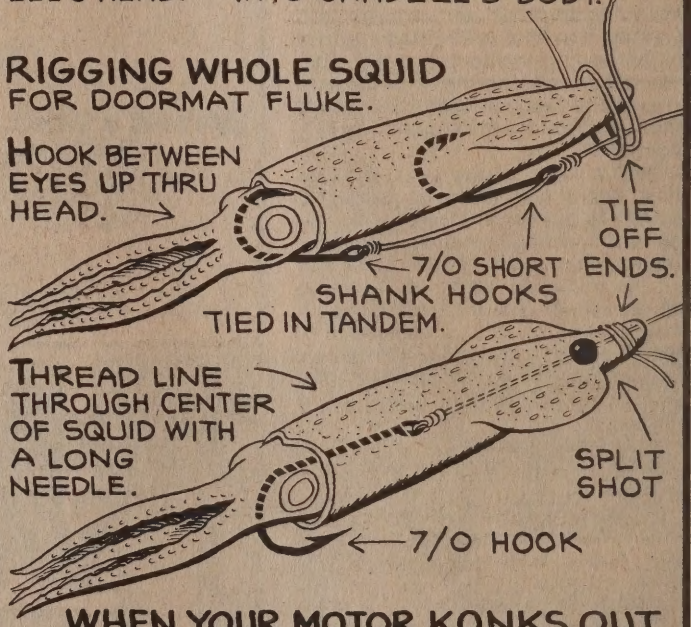
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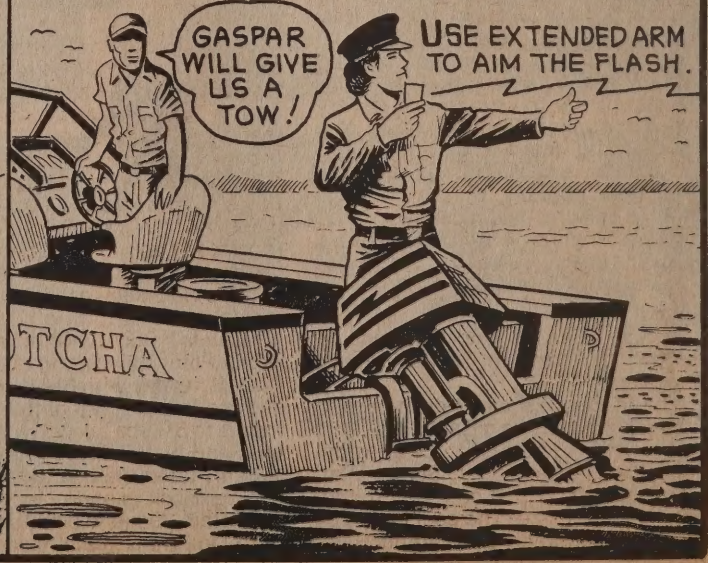

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

This transitional period should be coming to an end, probably this weekend, spurred on by the torrid temperatures. Flounder appear to be slowing down, while porgies and blues are on the upswing. The first significant shark catches have been reported offshore, hopefully heralding the beginning of a fine offshore season.

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Joan, of **Captain's Cove Marina**, reported a mixed bag of fishing during the weekn with bluefish showing, sea bass and flounder catches stable and mackerel ganged up north of Block Island. Frank Mundus has found a lot of blue sharks in the 40 fathom range.

A mako of 109 lbs. was weighed Sunday at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. The shark was caught by Paul Genund, fishing on his boat, G-Men, based in East Lyme, Conn. and taken approximately 20 miles south of Montauk.

Paul Darenberg further reported that bluefish are making a showing offshore but are solid throughout Gardiner's Bay and Cherry Harbor.

Maureen Sennfelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** remarked about a large catch of bluefish trolled over the weekend on umbrella rigs near Block Island. Although porgies should start soon, flounder, sea bass and a few blackfish were reliable at Washington Shoals over the weekend. Captain Bob Rocchetta brought a striped bass to gaff on **Rainbow II** during the week. The fish reportedly weighed over 50 lbs. The upcoming full moon should provide an increase in bass taken.

The inshore open boat fleet is engaging in good flounder action, anticipating a good run of fluke and porgies in a short time.

Captain Dusty located flounder in the 1½ to 2 lb. range, fishing Gardiner's Island Sunday on the **Little Bear**, while Capt. Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud** is loading up with flounder, blackfish and sea bass on his half day trips to Gardiner's and Shagwong.

The **Viking Starship** returned from its weekend George's Banks trip with arm-weary fishermen. Charleston, South Carolina resident, Sunny Watkings, caught 32 cod on his first cod-fishing experience. The pool fish, a 54 lb. cow, was taken by Wading River resident, Anthony Kaczmarkzyk. Captain Paul Forsberg has a few spots left on this Friday's trip. The **Starlight's** trip to Coxes Ledge produced fair catches of cod over the weekend. The **Starlight** will start porgy fishing at Noman's Land in a few weeks.

Captain Phil Lewis credits the weekend's hot weather and southwest winds with an increase in sightings of blue sharks. He has heard "reliable reports" of sightings of very large mako sharks west of the hole and at 40 fathoms. During the week, pollock weighing 15 to 35 lbs. were taken by the Kammaga group on a charter. Bluefish are around, as evidenced by a catch made on the **Adios** by Mike Holes and his friends using light tackle in the Block Island area.

Captain Bill Ricca used green and red tubes, jigging four pollock in the 30 lb. range and 7 cod to 29 lbs.

The Nill Brothers group from Riverhead had a fine day with 34 pollock between 15-35 lbs. taken at Montauk aboard the "Adios."

southeast of Block Island on a charter with Mel Goldstein on the **Alyssa Ann** Over the weekend, when pollock fishing slowed to a halt, Captain Bill switched to mackerel, providing Marty Cerotta with several hundred of these torpedoes.

When Captain Harry Dawkins found 45 cod and pollock for Paul Kovak, the preferred tube color on the charter boat, **Frances Anne II**, was black and hot orange, southwest of Block Island. Captain Dawkins heard of numerous sharks—mainly blues as far as 35 fathoms and as close as five miles south of the Point. He further reported that bluefish have been taken in the rips between Block Island and the Mid-buoy as well as offshore, taking jigs meant for cod.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished Rocky Point, Shagwong and Culloden Point Saturday with Steve Waterstone and his friends, catching 67 flounder from 1 to 3½ lbs. along with some sae bass and blowfish. The next day, the **Julie III** filled the boat with mackerel, fishing Block Island.

Captain Gene Kelly took a party from Dowd's Beefalo headed by Jack Dowd to warm shark waters, where 5 blue sharks under 100 lbs. were hooked. On Sunday, the **Kelly Boat** jigged 20 pollock in the 24 to 30 lb. range south of Block Island.

Captain Joe McBride has a few available dates for his charter boat, **My Mate**, but bookings are going fast. Over the weekend, Jerry C. and his friends from the Bronx fished with Capt. Joe at Shagwong and Culloden Point, returning with 70 flounder to 3 lbs., along with several blackfish.

The **Nostalgia II** fished in and around Shagwong for blackfish and flounder with Jack Evans, Skip Bonford and his 10-year-old daughter, Jesse from Miller Place. Captain Jerry McGrath remarked on the excitement caused by one little girl catching her first fish!

White tubes tied above diamond jigs were the preferred color early least week, when a group from Selden, Long Island trailered to Montauk, trekked to Block Island and returned with 20 pollock, averaging 28 lbs. each.

SOUTH FORK

Chris at the **Bayview Fishing Station** reported good porgy catches at Cedar Point and Mashomack Point with average catches of 50 plus porgies weighing to 1½ lbs. per person. A few school blues continue to be taken at South Ferry and Noyac with a few weakfish to 8 lbs. mixed in. Weakfishing still appears to be more productive at night. Leland Swezey, Jr. of Sag Harbor weighed in a 6 lb. fluke taken at Mashomack Point. A few fluke have shown up in the ruins at Gardiner's Island and an occasional fluke taken throughout the bay as a surprise catch while drifting for weaks or trolling for blues. Chris pointed out that a showing of blowfish at Long Beach might be the start of something big.

The **Wilhelric II** enjoyed a dramatic upswing in porgy fishing over the weekend, with some fishermen catching close to 40 of these scrappy fish, some in the 3 lb. range. Captain Artie Lach, hearing of good fluke arriving in the Sound around Horton's Point, has scheduled a special fluke trip, Sunday June 17th at 6AM, with a second fluke trip on June 24th. Captain Lach has informed us that all tickets are sold for Thursday, June 14th.

Sailing out of **Noyac Marina**, Gus Tekos and his friends from Whitestone, fished the Middle Grounds for nearly 100 porgies over the hot weekend. Helen Jacobson remarked that although porgies have returned during the past hot weekend, perhaps the weakfish have been affected by the heat. Several good size fluke have been taken while blues chasing bunker seem to have congregated near Jessups and towards buoy 18.

Fluke are showing in Shinnecock Inlet and in East Channel according to Tom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, although the flounder action in the

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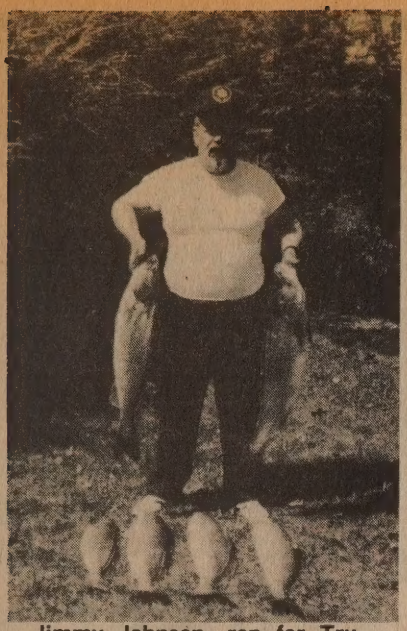

Jimmy Johnsen, rep for Tru-Turn Hooks, with a fine catch of weaks to 12.10 lbs. made during a night trip aboard the Sag Harbor open boat, "Wilhelric."

Basket and east of the Coast Guard Station has remained steady. The number of porgies is still building in the Peconics, with plenty of bluefish in the bay, S. Race and Jessups holding up. Weakfish in the 2 to 3 lb. range seem to prefer a hi-low rig, laced with squid, sandworm and jelly worm, or any combination thereof. Gardiner's Bay flounder are still doing well at Eastern Plains Point and in the rips at buoy 1, near the Ruins, with blackfish still taking flounder bait. Look for a build-up of porgies at Gardiner's, as well as fluke during the next two weeks.

The open boat **Jenny Rose** has hit into ling, sea bass to 3 lbs. and sea flounder to 3¾ lbs. on its offshore wreck trips. Captain Ken Malone is happy to state that the fluke fishing is steadily improving with a greater percentage of keepers in the 1½ to 3½ lb. range on every trip. Most fluke have been drifted in the Shinnecock Bay, east channel and inlet. The Peconic Bay has come alive again after the heavy rains. Sunday, a porgy trip not only yielded lots of porgies to 2 lbs., but also some 2½ lb. sea bass, blackfish to 4¾ lbs., but also a 7 lb. weakfish—a true fisherman's platter!

Captain Malone asked me to inform you that all tickets are sold for Saturday, June 16th.

There are lots of fluke in the Shinnecock Canal, approximately half keepers. Recently most fluke were taken on white bucktails. An occasional weakfish has been caught, none over 5 lbs. reported.

Charlie Sensenbach at **Corr's Mariner's Cove** has heard reports of blue sharks located 20 miles offshore, due south of Shinnecock Inlet. Another great white shark was

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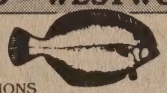
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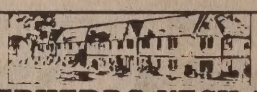

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spotted this weekend. Large blueish in the 12 to 15 lb. range were taking trolled rigs. All offshore fishermen and especially those fishing the first shark tournaments of the season this month, probably can hardly be controlled at this point!

In the Bay, flounder remain strong, with best fishing on the incoming tide. Best producing areas now are the Basket and bridge near the Coast Guard Station. A strong showing of fluke appeared at the south end of the Canal, but larger fish were taken in the East Channel. Check for shorts, but don't be surprised to find 4 to 5 lb. fish, as many on rental skiffs did this past weekend.

Blues, most cocktail size, have just come in to Cormorant Point. Try for weaks around Robin's Island. There are a few porgies and fluke in this area as well as evidenced by a 5 lb. fluke taken at Cow's Neck over the weekend.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

In Moriches Bay, despite the unflounderlike weather, the winter flatties continue to attract the most attention as excellent flounder fishing prevailed. Great South Bay fluke are attracting the attention of most anglers with loads of fish in the bay and inlet. Unfortunately, the vast majority of the summer flatties are short fish, below the 14" minimum size limit. Plenty of action is the rule here. Bluefish are now offshore in good numbers and the first good shark action occured this week despite the cool water temperatures. Included were a couple of big makos.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Flounder catches average 40-80 per boat over the past week with most falling into the ¾-1¼ pound size range according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Buoys 33 to 39 in depths of 6-12' of water is producing the best action with the tide seeming to make little difference. Fluke have come on but continue to play second fiddle to the flounder. This should change shortly. Best bets for fluke are buoys 36 thru 39, the Elbow and the hole just south of buoy 43. Keeper ratio in the bay has been 50:50 with an occasional good size fluke taken. Patricia Lopinski had such a fish on Sunday. Her 6¼ pounder was taken on a killie at the Elbow. Guy DeBlasio, Pete Mullica and Rich Doherty combined to take 110 flounder and backed that catch up with a dozen keeper fluke. Gary also noted that plenty of small blues moved into the bay and inlet area this week.

Over at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station**, Jeff Fry also put in a word for the continued excellent flounder fishing going on in the bay. To demonstrate, Jeff told of Harold Sax, Joe Muniz and Mike Venezia, all of Queens who used bloodworms and clam along with mussel and clam chum to take 108 flounder on Sunday.

George Ignation, Gary McGreevy and Bill Fisher with a fine catch of Moriches Bay flatties to 2 lbs. The trio fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

They fished SW of buoy 36 on outgoing water. As for the fluke, Jeff noted that they are around but the

Jim Greene relayed word from **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches** that flounder fishing was phenomenal this week despite the hot weather. He told of Don and Steve Haufsk, Shawn Ambrose and Carter McCabe, all of Smithtown who put away 160 flounder between buoys 34 and 35. These fish range between ¾ and 1¼ pounds. The group used mussel chum along

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with blood and sandworms. This was on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Joe Arena was anchored at buoy 35 content with a nice catch of flatties when an 11 pound blackfish muscled in on the action. Joe managed to boat the fish despite the shortcomings of a flounder rig. Of fluke, Jim knew that one private boat customer, John Nepson of the Cousins II had 6 up to 3½ pounds in the West Cut on Saturday. He also returned a dozen shorts.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Another fine flounder report came via Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Paul told of 8 year old Chris Paparo and his father Lou, along with Frank Harsch worked buoy 35 in Moriches Bay on Saturday to the tune of 108 flounder up to 1¾ pounds Paul also spoke of small blues from Moriches Inlet west to the Smith Point Bridge. Some fluke also being taken in that area. Offshore, there were plenty of big blues in 130' of water being encountered by shark fans. On the freshwater side of the ledger Paul weighed a couple of impressive largemouths over the weekend. One regular customer known only as Orlando clicked with a 5.11 pounder in Mill Pond who used a nightcrawler Billy Caldwell worked one of his favorite east end ponds and extracted a 6.2 pound largemouth. Also lots of bass and pickerel in the local lakes Trout fishing has slowed.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** knew of a 200-plus pound mako taken aboard the private boat Ideal taken in 210' of water. In the fluke department, plenty of action but many shorts being taken. On Sunday, Richie Alfano checked in a 4 pound fluke which was one of 9 keepers he culled from among over 50 fluke that he caught in the State Channel Elsewhere, a few weaks taken this week around the Kismet Reef, a showing of 2-4 pound blues in the bay and inlet and a catch of a dozen blueclaw crabs made from the dock at Bay Shore Marina. Also, good numbers of 9-11 inch trout being taken in Bubbles and Rattles.

A similar fluke report came from Mike Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. Mike, too, told of big numbers but few keepers being taken. Eight year old Ed Deugesi was more than happy with his 2 pound fluke. It was his first keeper ever Mike told of a couple of weaks around West Island and a showing of bluefish in the Inlet on Sunday. Sharks were caught in decent numbers over the weekend but the fish were a long way off the beach due to cold ocean temperatures. Mike reminded that also he will have live eels in stock for this weeks full moon.

In **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** told of a 10

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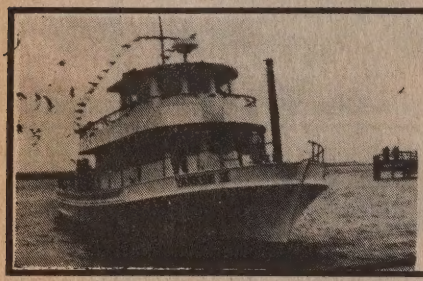

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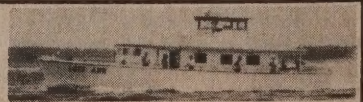

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pound blackfish taken at the Moses Bridge by Joe Segarra. The big tautog grabbed a fluke rig. Weakfishing continues to be a tough game but Larry Ohler seems to regularly come up with the right combination. On Saturday, the Oakdale angler coralled a trio of tiderunners at Ocean Beach. The fish weighed 9.2, 9.4 and 10.4 pounds. They were all taken on sandworms. Fluke action very good but very few keepers. Small blues are around for those looking to plug fish evenings and early mornings and a few 12-14 pound bass were chummed under the R.M. Bridge Thursday and Friday nights. Plenty of big blues reportedly seen by boatmen running offshore for sharks in 120-130' of water south of the inlet.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** called the fluking at West Island, Sexton Island and Kismet pretty good. He feels that while there are not as many fish as there are down at the inlet, the keeper ratio is much better with 2 or 3 out of 4 the going rate this week. He also relayed word that there is a new leader in the boat's "Free Fishing for Life" contest. On Tuesday, Charles Neet of Babylon used a live killie to bring a 6.11 pound fluke to deck. Spearing are also accounting for their share of fish. A reminder that effective Friday, June 15th, the boat will be sailing its 4PM fluke trips on a daily basis.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** labelled the boat traffic in Fire Island Inlet and Great South Bay on Sunday "horrendous". The skipper did note that there was a brief shot of good action early in the day on the last of the flood but the traffic quickly brought an end to the action. Needless to say, Sunday was an off day for fluke in these parts. In general though, the summer flatties have been providing loads of action as a result of the many shorts mixing in. Also a few small bluefish along with some blackfish mixing in to the picture.

Aboard the **Captree** based **Capt. Joseph II**, Capt. Charlie Kennedy called the fluke action "super" though many of the fish being taken have to be returned. The skipper figured that most knowledgeable anglers managed 8-10 keepers out of the hordes of fish currently residing in the inlet. Though the keeper ratio has only been 1:5 on most days there was a good showing of bigger fish during Sunday's high water change and the keeper ratio jumped to 50:50. Charlie also noted that a fair number of bluefish are now mixing in with the fluke. Fifteen blues per trip has been about average for the week. As for the weakfishing, the action is far from good but 2-8 fish per trip are being taken and the fish are big, ranging anywhere from 5 all the way on up to 13 pounds.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** described the fluking as anything from fair to good depending upon how you interpret the ratio of

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keepers. The number of shorts have made for plenty of action but in some areas the ratio of shorts to keepers is as high as 10:1. Other areas further back in the bay seem to be producing better size fish with the ratio decreasing to 3:1. Both the state channel and the inlet seem to be holding the largest number of short fish although Sunday morning saw an improvement in the size of fish at the inlet. Most skippers considered this a sign of a new body of fish moving in to the bay. Gordon too was awed by Sunday's tremendous volume of traffic which made fishing a difficult task. Evening weakfish trips remain slow but a few fish are being taken each night and the number of bay blues has been on the rise in recent days.

Aboard the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time**, Capt. Joe DiLiberto said that Saturday's trip for the Jack Austin party resulted in 40 keeper fluke. The 22 fares aboard enjoyed enough action to keep them busy as many shorts were caught and released. Sunday's boat traffic resulted in a slow day for the Joe Mottola party. The skipper managed to avoid the crowds somewhat by trolling up a few blues just outside the inlet. He also found a fair pick of fluke between the lighthouse and the wreck buoy in the late afternoon after the boat traffic had thinned.

Capt. Ray Nettuno of the **Babylon** charter boat **Cindy Ann II** found 40 keeper fluke for Hank Glowka and his 14 year old son in the state channel during the week. Another trip during the week to a wreck 55 miles south of F.I. Inlet produced 18 cod up to 37 pounds for Paul Recchioni and friends. On Saturday, the Charles Robb party managed 16 cod including a 53 pounder for Charlie.

Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** told of a big pair of makos taken on Sunday approximately 50 miles south of the inlet. Bill Kern of Islip took a 310 pound mako aboard Phil Fraccalvieri's Happy Hooker. The crew also put away a good number of blue sharks during the day. Another Babylon boat the Small Fry returned with a 370 pound mako. It was taken by John Gusman. The Small Fry also dropped another mako. Plenty of fluke are around but the high return ratio has discouraged some anglers. Weakfishing far from good but Ken Darnay did boat 4 nice fish on Sunday He left without saying where he took the fish. Fred reported lots of blues in 100' of water and a few small blues inshore at the inlet.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** weighed a 16¾ pound striper for Carl Piazza on Saturday. The fish was taken on a drifted sandworm in the state channel. On Friday evening, Vinnie Lang came across another one of those outsized weakfish that have come from the Ocean Beach grounds this season. This one, the fourth 16 pound class fish to come to our attention this season weighed 16½ pounds and was taken on a white Jellyworm. He paired the fish with a 9½ pound weak. Pan Am employee Dickie

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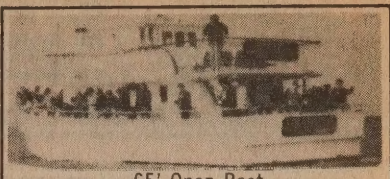

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Furtch was more than pleased with his first weak ever. He took a 10 pounder on Wednesday evening just north of the lighthouse on a Hopkins.

Mike added that some small blues showed around the inlet on Sunday and there are some fish being plugged inside the bay. Flounder are still for the taking at the Sore Thumb. On Saturday, Don and Jean Hirsch culled 20 good sized flounder and a bunch of smaller fish.

From his **Copiague** shop, Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** knew that Ralph Lennon of the Sailfish worked an offshore wreck on Saturday and returned with 20 cod. On Sunday, George McCarthy aboard his Whistler returned from Snake Hill Channel with 12 fluke up to 4 pounds taken on spearing and squid. There were also some very good flounder scores made during the week along Blacks Bank. Some of these flatties range up to 2 pounds. Ralph escaped the shop on Wednesday to take a shot at weakfish. The tackle man responded with 3 weaks in the 3-4 pound range taken at buoy 12 on amber jellyworms. Dave Campo and Mike Garraputo have been doing very good with large-mouth bass and pickerel in several east end lakes and ponds.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** called to report good fluking inside Fire Island Inlet though most of the fish being taken are shorts. The only exception was Sunday morning's high water turn when some decent sized fish dominated catches. Weakfishing in the bay still on the slow side with just a few fish being taken. Bluefish in good numbers offshore in 140' of water where shark fishermen have been encountering them. Frank also told of lots of blue sharks taken near the middle of the Compass Rose.

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West End REPORT
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Sunny days, sunny days and the fishing is easy...sometimes. Weekdays showed quite good catches of fluke in this area, which went on a down swing for the weekend with the heavy boat traffic. Flounder remained strong right through Sunday as did blackfish to a certain extent. Starting t to show their snouts have been bluefish up to 14 lbs., blue claw crabs and stripers.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of Seaford, we learn from **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** that plenty of flounder abound. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Lou and Ted on their Boat Reddi Teddy bagged 150, 175 and 165 lbs. respectively on flounder fishing Squaw and the second Wantagh bridge. Thursday and Friday the rental skiffs had anywhere from 70 to 100 flounder per boat. Both tides have been working on worm, clam and a good dose of chum. Snappers have been taken in the canal and bay blues from 1 to 3 lbs. at the second and third bridges. Some keeper fluke among plenty of shorts at Squaw, State channel and between the 2nd and 3 bridges.

Marie at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** said her customers brought back stories of lots of fluke action at Four Corners, the area from the Meadowbrook to the Wantagh Bridge, Short Beach CG station and Jones Inlet. Lots of throwbacks but enough keepers. Squid and live killies were the main attraction. Flounder catches on worm and clam have also been good in the deeper holes in the bay particularly around the Wantagh Bridges.

To the West in Merrick, Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** told of very good fluking all through the week with lots of throwbacks. Merrick angler Irwin Greenbaum bagged a 6½ lber. at Merrick Point, while big Sal took a 5½ lb. fluke on Midnight Hour. Lots of fluke action at Merrick Point and at the golf course. Good drifting conditions are needed however. A solid catch of 10 to 13½ lb. bluefish was enjoyed by Randy and Marie Bradeen fishing in 100 feet of water due south of the inlet with chum and bunker chunks. Bay blues invaded Jones inlet periodically Friday, particularly in the dawn and dusk hours. Jigs and tubes accounted for a

good number of fish. Big Ed and Helen Bretakewicz of Flushing racked up 34 keeper fluke Wednesday fishing the golf course areas.

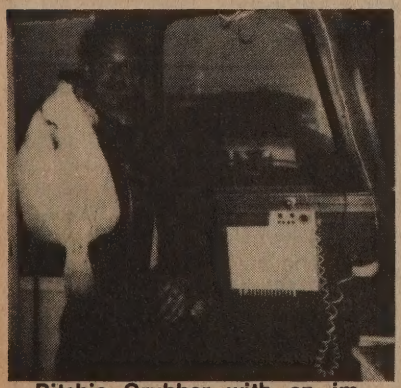
Out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** has been having solid catches of sea bass, blacks and ling with catches averaging roughly 25 fish a person. Sea bass have been the main part of the catch, going to 3 lbs. with blacks to 7 and ling to 5 lbs., all on local wrecks.

The word from **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of Woodcleft Canal said fluking was great through Saturday but slumped Sunday due to the very heavy private boat traffic. Flounder remained good through Sunday particularly at the M bridge at slack and the CG station and east of the Fundy Bridge. Some blowfish were also involved in the catch. A 122 lb. blue shark was taken on the charter boat **Capt. Max** by Ron Mankowski, part of the Tony Mannino party. They also had a mako to the boat which was estimated at 225-250 lbs. on Sunday. This was in 180 ft of water south of Jones.

A call from the charter boat **Mickey II** told of the trip Sunday for World Courier Company which on Sunday AM had a very good pick going on fluke from Reynolds to Jones Inlet with lots of short fluke but a good number of keepers to 3 plus lbs. Jake took the pool with a 4 plus lber. Fishing was a little tougher in the PM working from the inlet out into the ocean for fluke.

Fluking seem to be fair to excellent this week for the **Bluefin Fleet** according to Capt. Sy Carlin with both boats working from the inlet to the outside west . Pool fish of the week was a 5½ lb. fluke for Glendale angler Jack Downey. Tom Muter and Howard Sharfstein tied for high hook honors with fish into the teens while Francisco Celedonia took a 4 lb. fluke on a spearing squid combo. Tuesday's trip was the best of the week with nearly 100 keepers swinging over the rail.

We learn from the **Miss Freeport II** had fair fluking Tuesday and Wednesday but the rest of the week turned



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picky. Probably the highlight of the week has been the flounder trips that the boat is making from 2 to 6PM. Tony said the results have been excellent. Sunday's flounder high hook was Bob Messina of Howard Beach with 60 good flatties. Catches are averaging 15 to 20 flounder per person on worms and clam. Sunday's pool fluke was a 4½ lber. for Don Tenaglia. Sunday's heavy boat traffic kept the fluke catches down.

Aboard the **Capt. Al**, fares have been bagging up on sea bass, blacks and ling. Paul Cozak of Flushing took a 12 ½ lb. black, while John and Ann Kampa had 50 mixed fish with blackfish up to 7½ lbs. Lots of sea bass also and lots of ling. A 3 lb. flounder and an 8 lb. cod also filled out the week's catch. Capt. Butch has been running the **Capt. Al** on the boat's afternoon flounder trips and scores have been phenomenal, said the skipper. As an example, 75 good flounder was the score for Roland Gianini of Rockville Centre on the Saturday PM trip. Flounder catches have been excellent all week said Al and they should be he went on, as Captain Butch has been pounding flounder in the bay for roughly 30 years and knows all the honey holes.

A call from Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** told of Wednesday's trip for the Foreign Commerce Club of NY with a good catch of fluke to the tune of over 100 keepers taken west of the Meadowbrook and in Swift Creek, fish up to 4 lbs. Squid work best on a flooding tide. Saturday's trip for Herbie's Bar of Queens Village had a fair catch of fluke fishing the same areas. Sunday's trip for Maple Crest F.C. were after sea bass on ocean wrecks with all aboard enjoying good catches. Squid work best on mostly sea bass up to 5 lbs. and a few blacks to 4½ lbs.

The **Capt. Andy Fleet** continues to pick away at keeper fluke and to slaughter the flounder. Please note that the **Capt. Andy** is now also running a 4:30 PM flounder trip. See ads for details.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Tuesday's trip for Lumber Headquarters in Floral Park has good fluke catches in Reynolds and Sloop channel and at the M bridge. Pool fluke hit 3 lbs. Saturday's for Pfizer Fishing Club of Brooklyn had a 2½ lb. pool fluke. On Sunday the Farmingdale Fire Department picked away. Fluke averaged 1½ to 2½ lbs and there were also lots of throwbacks. The skipper attributed the pickiness of the weekend to the extra heavy boat traffic.

A brief message from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of good fluke catches and a large number of throwbacks for the week. The skipper is also offering a late afternoon flounder program. See ad for details.

A call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** told of Wednesday's trip for a New York federal department which had fair fluking in Jones, Reynolds and at Squaw. Eighteen keepers won high hook honors for Bill Malialley. Buddy Aquist grabbed the pool with a 3½ lber. Saturday's trip for the Square Deal F.C. worked the same areas with the pool fish taken by Maria Lukich, a 5 lb. fluke. 19 keeper fluke won the high hook award for Betty Festa. Sunday's trip for TSS/Seedman, Oceanside did poorly due to the heavy boat traffic. Sharon was high hook and Anita took the pool with a 3½ lber.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** the word was of very good fluking Monday through Thursday which slowed on the weekend. Heavy boat traffic was named at the culprit. Lots of throwback fluke, yet a decent number of keepers were found by the **Super Spray II**. Lots of action. Aboard the charter boat **Norseman** Thursday with MacMillan Publishing entertaining the New York Diocese, Sister Rita Nowatski took pool honors with a 9 lb. fluke. Lots of 2 to 4 lbers. were caught also. The 9 lber was taken at the junction of Reynolds and Long Creek. The **Acme II** also did very well on fluke during the week as did a lot of other association boats.

The **Tru Blu VI** has moved its operation to Woodcleft Canal in Free-

Steve Skullestad and Gary Miles show a 13½ lb. weakfish taken on a Jelly Worm at Ocean Beach. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.

port and is now sailing as a charter boat with a 32 maximum passenger capacity. Watch for ad in next week's issue.

Moving over to Pt. Lookout, a call from charter boat **Marie III** told of Wednesday's trip for a group of Kinney Shoes salesman who had good fluking in the PM in Reynolds and from the construction barge to the inlet with a 30 percent keeper ratio. Ken Spencer of Detroit had a 4 lber. Runner up was Bill Gaddis of Chicago, while high hook was Neil Fisher of Detroit. Thursday's charter for a group of teachers from Andrew Jackson High School had a mixed bag of fluke and bay blues in the inlet in the morning and a 25 percent keeper ratio of fluke in the PM on incoming tide at the AB bridge. Saturday's trip for Rusty Nail tavern from upstate NY worked Reynolds buoy 17 and the area off the golf course and in the PM Debs and the ABB on flood tide. Roughly 400 fluke were caught with a 20 percent keeper ratio, pool awards to Pat Odonnel with a 3 lber. Sunday was a poor day at Jones and Debs with the heavy boat traffic.

The word from **Ed's Fishing Station** was of good action all through the week with best fluking in Reynolds and from the mouth of the inlet to the CG sta. and on the flats. Fluke had roughly a 25 percent keeper ratio with plenty of action on killies, squid, spearing and sand eels. Bay blues at the CG station most of the weekday mornings and evenings when things were quiet. Flounder action has been good between the CG Sta and B M and also Swift Creek. Two friends shared 35 good flounder from 1½ to 2 lbs. on worms, both tides. Blackfishing remains good at the bridges, the Meadowbrook in particular with a few sea bass mixed in. Blackfish wanted

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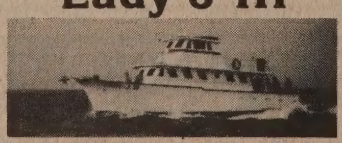

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fiddlers and the sea bass were satisfied with squid.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** had reports of cocktail blues in 30 feet of water from the inlet to the eastern end of Long Beach on jigs with tails and on umbrellas. A 5 lb. fluke was the reward for John Biernick of Merrick who fished Jones Inlet at the change Sunday with spearing as hook bait. Plenty of flounder around said Tom. Pals Phil and Tony had 75 of them up to 2¾ lbs. fishing between the inlet and the Big M. Buoys 17 and 19 in Reynolds, off the high school and cinder creek have also been hot for flatties. Good blackfish catches at the loop and meadowbrook bridges on fiddlers.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** came word of excellent fluking from Reynolds to Riis Park. Lots of fish roughly one third keepers on white bait. Ron and Ralph Simmons scored with 31 keepers Saturday to 3 lbs. at buoy 3. Flounder remain solid off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and the south side of the ABB on worms. Blackfishing has been fair at buoy 4 and the ABB. Bay blues periodically off Rockaway on jigs and small umbrellas with Jerry and Lee Resnick baggng a tubful Saturday in 30 ft. of water.

Out of Island Park, Capt. Clem's **Commodore** did good Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the fluke. The weekend mornings were also good but turned picky in the PMs. Clem said he would be working off Riis Park every day now that conditions permit. Clem's favorite fluke bait as always continues to be a strip of fluke belly. Pool fish have been running in the 4 to 6 lb. range.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we learned of blues on bait and chum being taken in private boats at 17 Fathoms, fish 8 to 10 lbs. Hotspots for fluke have been in the ocean off Riis and Playland. Floundering has been good in the deep holes, at the CG station and Meadowbrook bridge, fish up to 2 lbs.

Over at Atlantic Beach Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** told of plenty of fluke, both shorts and keepers being caught this past week in Reynolds channel and at the warrior buoy (for the larger fish) off Riis Park. Good blackfishing at the AB bridge, fish up to 8 lbs. on green crabs. The Silver Point jetty has algo had good blackfish activity along with 2 to 3 lb. bay blues taken on Jig N Tails. Plenty of flounder at the M Bridge and east of the AB bridge on blood worms on both sides.

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From **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway came word of the season's first good blue claw crab activity in Bay Park. The crabs are even on the poles. Fluking has been hot and cold, said Skippy and don't forget to throw back all those short fish. Cocktail blues at the inlets mornings and

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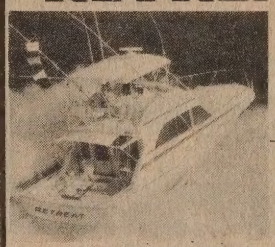
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evenings. A 30 lb. mako was taken by Brian Burwind of East Rockaway. Sand eels are in tight supply said the tackle dealer but squid is doing an adequate job. Flounder are a hot item at the big M and off the Short Beach CG area, with incoming tide best.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** continues to provide solid catches of sea bass, ling and blackfish for his customers but is keeping an eye on bluefish, ready to switch over as soon as these excellent fish enter the area in some numbers. Thus far, the sea bass have been up to 3½ lbs. and fares are filling anywhere from 1 to 2 5-gallon buckets.

Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** told of catches Friday, Saturday and Sunday of loads to 2 to 3 lb. blues off Sandy Hook and the Atlantic Highlands on bait and chum. Lots of throwback and keeper fluke off Riis Park and off the Coney Island Pier. Sand eels, squid and killies are all working. A few 20 to 30 lb. bass are also being taken off the Breezy Point jetty on worms, and bucktails.

From the **Pilot II** comes word of super sea bass and ling catches for te last 7 days right through Sunday. The bass are running 1 to 1½ lbs. up to 4 lbs. and the ling are averaging 3 lbs. Clam and squid are the hook bait and the action has been very consistent at the skipper's favorite Jersey honey holes. Filling a 5 gallon bucket is common. A few blackfish and porgies are mixed in.

Captain Butch on the **Zephyr** had very good fluking in Debs Inlet at the beginning of the week, then off Riis and on the weekend off the Jersey coast. Butch said mixed sizes of fluke are spread out all over the place. Daily catches range from fair to good with 5 to 6 lbers. taking the pools. The water is still slightly cold he advised and once it gets a little warmer action should be great on the outside. Spearing and belly have been working best for fish 14 inches-5 lbs. And the week's catches have been as high as 30 keepers per person.

Across the Narrows in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** told us that fluke is now the name of the game, with a 10 percent keeper ratio, fish up to 4 lbs. All the beaches are producing and squid is working

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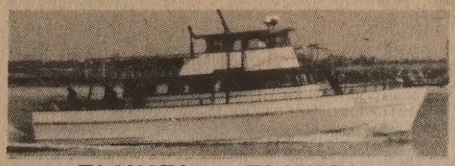

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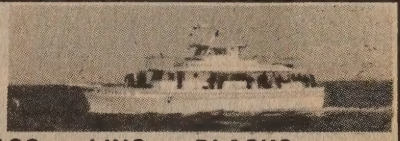

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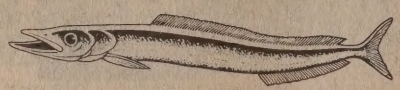

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best. Kevin heard reliable reports of bass in the 30 lb. category around Brezy Point on swimming plugs.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Last week it was rain, and this week it was record breaking heat that all stations were complaining about. The late spring mix of fish seemed to become picky, and results in most areas were mixed. There was some bass fishing to the west and fluke and porgies were the talk of the East End.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** mentioned a couple of weakfish under 10 pounds and a few bluefish taken from the Greenwich area. Last Wednesday night, there were terrific numbers of school bass off Prospect Point, and anglers floating worms did very well.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** told us that blackfish have slowed, but there are still buckets of small tautog to be seen at dockside. Oddly enough, some good catches of flounder are coming in anyway, with Mike Battista running up the highest score of the week, 65 keepers to a pound or more in the Half Moon Beach area. Dom Cerbone, Jr. was proud of a 10 pound striper taken on a Rebel near Harts Island.

Both Dom Cerbone's **Apache** and Joe Ferrara's **Sea King** were "all over the world" on the weekend, trying to please fares with a variety of fish ranging from flounder and blackfish to porgies. Fishing was picky in the heat, but blackfish were nice sized around Eatons, Asharoken, Lloyds and Center Island with the Norwalk Islands projected as ready for the future but not worth hitting hard just yet.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** reported a "smattering of everything" with fair blackfishing in bursts around Eatons. Some bulldogs in the 8-9 pound range like Catherine Mott's fish were duly weighed. Keeper bass run about 10-15% of the take, but numbers are good from Bayville to Smithtown Bay. There are flounder and scattered reports of scup as well. **Huntington Prop** told us that there are

tautog all over the area to 10 pounds with Marshall Field and Diamond Point as well as Eatons worth trying. One 3½ pound fluke was also noted off Diamond Point, and a couple of blues made the report too. Joe DiMaggio had one 12½ pound bass and 4 shorts on Thursday night while trolling worms off Cold Spring Harbor. On the outgoing water, an oil discharge ended the night's fishing, however.

Eileen at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** told us that Tom and Linda Mott had blackfish to 5 pounds and that the Asharoken area was excellent. There were a few bluefish off the Lilco ramp. Mackerel made a showing off Asharoken on Friday night.

Bowman's in **Northport** said that there were some large Boston mackerel around the area with sporadic catches of weaks and blues rumored. This has to be one of the best springs on blackfish with the rocks off Eatons now particularly good for those using fiddlers.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that the rental boats were coodking in the heat by 8AM Sunday but that early catches of blackfish off Oldfield and Cranes were very good. There were still some nice sized flounder to 1½ pounds in the area with a 4 pound fluke reported from Flack's Pond. One catch of 75 mackerel was taken, and there were porgies in the harbor area on Sunday morning with a handful per boat in the survey.

Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** spoke of heavy dragging pressure from Connecticut boats that squelched the beginning of a run of fluke. The commercials were working within 300 yards of local beaches. Last Sunday's catch of fluke to 5½ pounds remains nothing but a memory as a result. There were still blackfish and a few porgies to be found off the beaches.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that blackfish on the pipe were small but numerous, and there seems to have been some sort of sizeable fish kill in the screens of the Lilco Shoreham plant last week.

Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** described the fishing in Sunday's record heat as "pretty slow." Nevertheless the tautog in the catch averaged 2-5 pounds, and flounder ranged all the way up to 2 pounds. The bulk of the fishing was done off Eatons, Lloyds, and the golf course area in 15-20 feet of water.

NORTH FORK

The big run of porgies that seemed to be developing for the rental craft made the Lorias at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** very happy late last week. Buckets of scup averaging more than a pound and running to 3 pounds were coming mostly from the Middle Grounds with some modest results back as far west as the South

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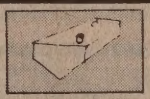

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Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** spoke of some very good blackfishing through Saturday off the Firing Range and east of the Inlet. One 9 pounder was registered on Saturday. All catches were on clams and crabs. Fluking off the Motel and the Inlet seemed to be picking up every day.

The **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in **Southold** said that heavy boating activity cut into the porgy fishing over the weekend at Jessups and on the Middle Grounds. Fluking between Buoys 16 and 17 and from Jessups to Paradise Point was productive.

Anna May Rainis called to say that the **Blue Albatross** will be back in action as an open boat after June 18 and will stay on blacks and flounder until the fluking picks up. The boat will be sailing out of Mitchell's Dock, Greenport. Dave Brennan had a fair weekend picking at porgies between Jessups and the Middle Grounds wit the **Peconic Star.** You had to be on a good piece of bottom of you simply didn't catch. Some of these scup were slammers, however. Dave intends to spend a couple of weeks more in the bay playing hunt and peck, but most people are happy with 15-25 fish per fare. He'll be fluking a two day a week twoard the end of the month.

Clark Bellows told us that the **Prime Time II** enjoyed exceptionally good flounder fishing down at Gardiners through Friday with high hook of 18 fish. Larry Ciccotto took the boat around to the Sound over the weekend and had around 20 nice fluke to 4 pounds on Saturday. By Wednesday, Bellows expects to be catching the summer flatfish pretty well along the Sound beaches.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Casters who prowl North Shore beaches continue to enjoy a big edge in surf action over their south shore counterparts through most of the week. South shore beaches and inlets have been pretty much void of action with one or two exceptions while north shore beaches seem well supplied with small blues, good numbers of school bass, though most fall below the 24'' minimum, and a

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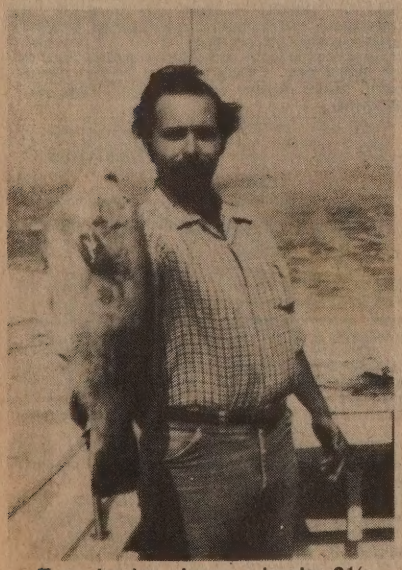

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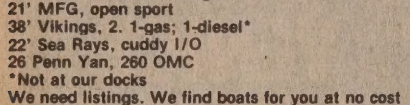

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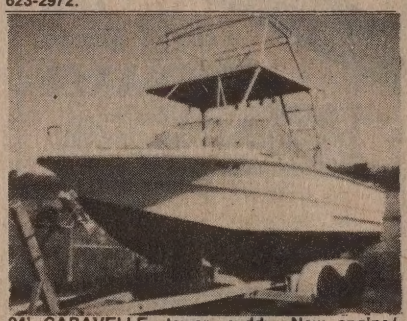

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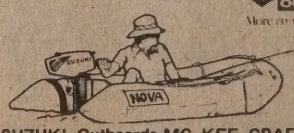

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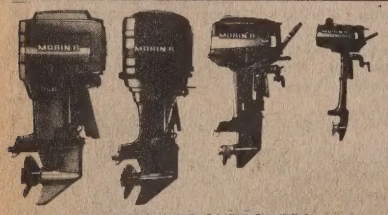

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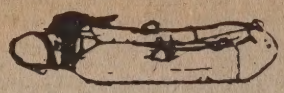

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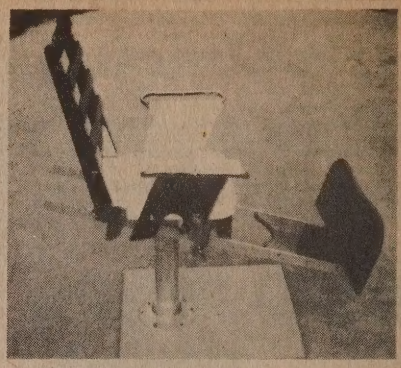

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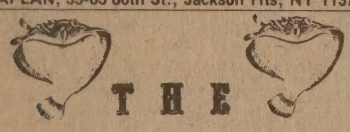

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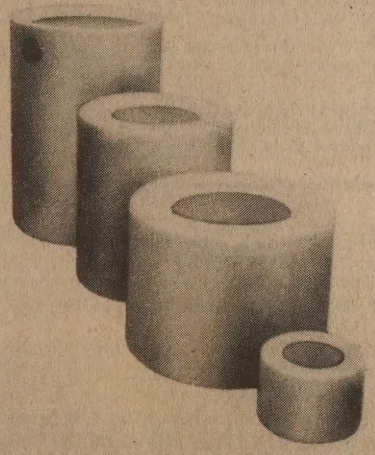

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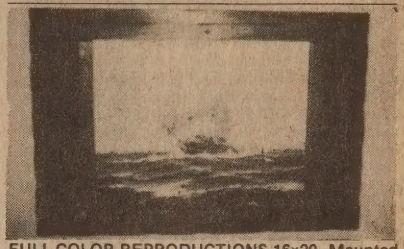

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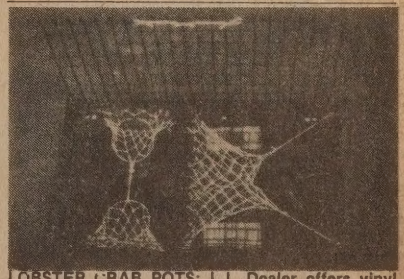

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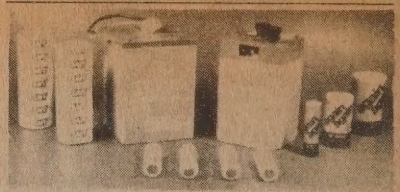

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smattering of weakfish.

Bill Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** said that there has been a flurry of bass activity on the Breezy Point Jetty evenings and early morning hours. Six to ten pound stripers are falling to Rebels, Redfins and Bombers in the 5½ inch sizes.

Bill did have one big striper to report. Luke Baranov of Valley Stream was content seeking the fluke Saturday evening on the bay side of West End, Jones Beach, when a 36 pound striper intervened. The fluke rig held and the excited angler weighed the fish Sunday morning at Beckmann's. Bill noted that he was told by a couple of casters that there are quite a few bunker around the inlet.

Fire Island Inlet area remained quiet through the week with virtually no activity at the Sore Thumb. Beach buggy anglers should note that Gilgo State Park is now open to vehicles but Democrat Point remains closed due to severe erosion problems. One angler whom I know personally but prefered anonymity did manage to squeeze a 7 pound bluefish and bass of 8 and 11½ pounds from the Fire Island area Sunday evening. The bass were taken on tin and the blue on a bomber.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that the only surf action that he was aware of in the Moriches area consisted of a couple of small bluefish though he expects this action to break loose shortly as the fish are already 2-3 weeks behind schedule. He did know that there were plenty of small blues along with some weakfish in the 4-8 pound class being taken by casters running up to the north shore. Paul confirmed that action took place in several locations between Miller Place and as far east as Wading River.

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said that bluefish have yet to settle in to the local surf though a few small choppers are being taken from the sand at Cow Neck. Long Beach has produced little of late. However, several anglers did score with big stripers in the 30-40 pound range using live eels on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet. Also a couple of cows taken on Shelter Island. Very little in the way of details on these fish due to the closed-mouth nature of the anglers involved.

Out in **Montauk** Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** spoke of a quiet week with few anglers and fewer fish. The last bass John knew of was a small fish taken at mid-week on Jones Reef. Plenty of bait at the point but no game fish activity. One fish that did come to our attention courtesy of Mike Kaland, who handles publicity for the Striper Surf Club, was the 18½ pound striper taken at the point on a homemade plug by fellow member Bill Rothwell. This was on Tuesday night.

Over on the north shore there was some good action with bluefish at Sunken Meadow early in the week although this fishing took a dive through the weekend. Good numbers of bass here also on late night tides but they too disappeared along with all of the bait, just in time for the weekend.

The story was a little bit different east of here where Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said the same hot bluefish action which began Monday evening carried right through Sunday evening. Lots and lots of 2½ to 5 pound bluefish along area beaches. More specifically, from just east of Miller Place through Rocky Point. The blues are being taken on tin, poppers, swimming plugs and droppers with the latter two being used in hopes of culling out a few weakfish and stripers that are mixing with the blues. The better bass and weakfish action has been after dark however with weaks from 8-11 pounds and school bass (mostly shorts, but some keepers) being taken. Bigger bluefish also being taken after dark with fish up to 6 and 7 pounds taken on the later tides. Best bet for the bass has been Rebels, Hellcats and Redfins fished in conjunction with a teaser or dropper. Backtracking a bit to the **Huntington** area, George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** noted that there was some good action with bass and weakfish between Eatons and Callahans during the week. Most of the bass were in the 22 inch range but a few 10-12 pound stripers were taken. Small bluefish remain plentiful at the Lilco outflow and some school bass mixed in here also.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
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FRI.	9:50	10:05	10:45	11:05	10:40	10:50	11:35	11:40	1:15	1:55	12:50	1:25	9:45	10:05	6/15
SAT.	10:40	10:50	11:30	11:50	11:35	11:40	—	12:20	1:55	2:40	1:35	2:10	10:30	10:50	6/16
SUN.	11:25	11:40	—	12:15	—	12:25	12:30	1:10	2:35	3:20	2:20	2:55	11:20	11:40	6/17
MON.	—	12:15	12:30	1:00	12:30	1:10	1:15	2:05	3:15	4:05	3:10	3:40	—	12:10	6/18
TUES.	12:20	1:00	1:15	1:45	1:15	2:00	2:05	2:55	4:00	4:50	3:55	4:30	12:25	1:00	6/19
WED.	1:10	1:50	2:00	2:35	2:00	2:40	3:00	3:50	4:45	5:40	4:45	5:15	1:15	1:55	6/20
THURS.	1:55	2:35	2:50	3:30	2:40	3:25	3:55	4:40	5:40	6:25	5:35	6:05	2:10	2:45	6/21

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Waretown	+2 33
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SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
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Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	6/14	5:23	8:37
FRI.	6/15	5:23	8:38
SAT.	6/16	5:23	8:38
SUN.	6/17	5:24	8:39
MON.	6/18	5:24	8:39
TUE.	6/19	5:24	8:39
WED.	6/20	5:25	8:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	6/14	9:55PM	6:00AM
FRI.	6/15	10:45PM	6:56AM
SAT.	6/16	11:26PM	7:57AM
SUN.	6/17	—	9:00AM
MON.	6/18	12:00AM	10:03AM
TUE.	6/19	12:28AM	11:04AM
WED.	6/20	12:52AM	12:04AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/29	6/6	6/13	6/21

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:05	—	6:35	12:25
Fri.	7:05	12:50	7:40	1:25
Sat.	8:00	1:55	8:35	2:20
Sun.	9:00	2:50	9:30	3:15
Mon.	9:50	3:40	10:20	4:05
Tues.	10:40	4:30	11:05	4:50
Wed.	11:25	5:15	11:50	5:35
Thurs.	—	6:00	12:10	6:20

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